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Ship Romance 2nd Capt D^r Harb. 5

Sailed from New Bedford Aug 24th 1857.

With very fine weather, although I was seasick. I went on deck a number of times through the first week got along much better then I expected. The second week we had more wind which I was quite sick so I could not go on deck but twice. I thought a severe gale to day Sept 12. Saturday they called for a lost a whale in sight it proved to be a ship's bottom up which was a sad sight I expect we shall hear of none we are sailing fast bound to the Westward. I am in hopes not to be sick any more. Weards day we have come in sight of Land which look so different cannot describe. Thursday 17. we arrived at Flores not in time to go ashore at night. Friday morn the Capt went on shore a number of boats come to the ship and the boys traded considerable we got all kinds of fruits which was very good. we got all vegetables we wanted and fat Lard and got clear of land before night. with pleasant weather the next Sunday 20 we arrived at Fagat it was Sunday but did not make any difference the Capt went on shore and the shore boats come to the ship and traded we got a lot of peaches here and the Capt bought a nice nest of baskets and left the letters from the ship. it was fine wind when he came which he was in a great hurry they fat Lard and cleared from the Land in a short time. One captain come with wind

We have had fine weather but not seen any Whales or Black
fish yet we have had a fair wind all the way only 10 days from
Fajal to the Strait of Renssela Cape de Nord. Sep 30 the Capt
intended to go on Shore with one letter again and they would
not let him but not he would not on account of the small^y
so we had to take one letter which it will be a long time be
fore we can send again, and such nice weather as we have
had ever since it appears to me I never saw at home with gentle
showers and pleasant weather raised Blackfish once but
but did not get any we crossed the Equatorial Line as they
call it Oct. 17. and since then it has been getting cooler which
seem more like home. 18 raised Blackfish again looked
but did not get any I am in hopes the next will be Whales
I have not seen any yet we were 11 weeks from home yesterday
all well on board of the Ship now know one Leck the
Steward is complaining, up to Oct 20 day at noon with fine weather
and quite a fair wind, we have sailed 150 miles and have
not seen any Whales yet but hope it will not be long soon
this day. Thursday 21. very fine day with a fair wind
we have sailed 140 miles today and not taken a
whale yet the Capt raised a small fin back whale
of Leck but did not lower after him our Steward is better
all in good health and seems to be in spirits. enjoying
themselves waiting patiently for to see Whales this comes this day

Thursday 22nd It has been a pleasant day with considerable wind which
we have sailed a 140 miles which I think we are getting along
[23] Sat. to the Tristan d'Acunha whaling ground where we are
bound. we have not seen or taken any whale to day, sun from
aloft after dinner, (white water), the Capt stayed at mast
head over 3 hours and it proved to be nothing for us we all felt
sad again in hopes we may do better to morrow if we live, we are
all this day, Friday 23rd. this day has passed with a fine breeze
which we are getting quite fast nothing seen from aloft
seems quite discouraging all seem to keep busy getting
ready for to take whales when they come. our principal
business is eating we are blessed with good appetites and fine
passed fast so ends this day all well. Saturday 24th Two months
to day since we sailed and not taken any oil yet, nothing
seen to day, it has been a pleasant day with quite a breeze we
sailed 170 miles we are getting along where I am in hopes
we will see a plenty of Whales as that is what we come for
Sunday 25th It is a very pleasant day with as if we all could go
to meeting. some or the most are employed in reading
lying about on deck so to day has passed nothing seen
all quite well. Monday 26th Another pleasant day all are busy
about the ship know Whales seen yet we are fairly quick
but 180 miles to day to night the steward is quite sick &
the rest are all well, Tuesday 27th A very pleasant day we not only
sailed to day 220 miles which to night at sun down we saw the land of

Sanctuary which is 30 miles off, we saw one sail board. I expect
but have not seen any Whales yet but are anxiously looking
the Steward remain quite sick will try to do all we can for him
the rest are all well and are hurrying if you could then go aboard
The Ship. I stay on deck until I get tired then I retire to my
Cabin. The time passes fast, Wednesday 28 a very pleasant weather
and quite good breeze but not the sight of a Whale yet
all are well and have been busy all day Thursday 29.
It has been a fine day with appearance of not much wind
but we have sailed 115 miles today, they boys saw a
Whale early this morning. it proved to be a fair back, did
not lower I was in hopes we should see another to day it
passed and we have not the Steward is better and all the
rest of the crew are well. they have been packing and unpacking
in the after hold all day, all day busy, we are now getting
in colder weather Friday 30 a good breeze but rather
cloudy and squall of rain nothing in sight to day
Saturday 31 unpleasant day Showery all day rather squally
and quite cool, not much done today know what
yet nor the bright of any this week has just passed
which closes, Oct. I hope we may be more successful this
next month to come. we are all quite well now Sunday
Nov 1. this morning was rainy with a heavy swell on
which makes the Ship pitch badly all day but I am
not sick which I hope I shall not be any more this After

Room the cry our ducks than she blows; the Capt went on
deck found it to be another Finbuck; did not know [5]
it been clear this afternoon but rough sea on this eve
splended moon light I have been walking deck
thinking home how they all was I wish I could know
Nov 2 a pleasant day with a strong breeze and we are
going quite fast we are all well we not seen a whale
yet. Nov 3. the strong breeze yet continued nothing
seems to come in sight yet which we are expecting.
looking we are all well Nov 4 we have not quite so
much wind not a ship nor a whale in sight we
are all quite well. Nov 5 It been a cloudy day not
much wind and know whales yet we are all in good
health and eat well, Nov 6. another cloudy day
nothing in sight all try to keep busy and are all
quite well Nov 7. To day is a rainy day which makes
it quite lonesome for me when I have to stay below
seen nothing but some birds flying around the ships
Nov 8 we had a very pleasant day but could not
go to meeting saw Finbuck's whales several times to day
know other kind we have had a good breeze we shall
soon be on the ground where they are we are all quite
well and it is quite cold weather with us. Nov 9. It been
a cloudy cold day but a good breeze seen a number
of Finbuck's to day we are 260 miles from Tristan de Chuan

We are infinitely expecting to see some Whales which I think
it will not be long we are all well Nov. 10. A cloudy cold
day with considerable a swell on, and cold we have
not seen a whale yet but one seeing the ground where we
shall be likely to see some soon I am in hopes we are all gain-
well, Nov. 11. Thurs. we have had a good breeze has been pleas-
ant I have washed a lot of cloths and got them dry and now
find back to dry but know whales yet, we should see them
if it was only clear to night we should be them to morrow if
nothing hinders we are all well. Nov 12. Thurs. land was in
sight this morning and we are just approached it the land
on top is covered with snow, we arrived here at the land
about 4 o'clock as we was going in we saw a Barque coming
and they hauled back we started then found it the Kipper of
New London we asked the Capt to come a board, he got some
Beef in the blubber so we come and brought a piece of fresh
so we did not kill Capt Chadwick stayed to tea with us
he told us we could not get anything we wanted, so after
Mr Wordell and his boats crew come from the Barque the
Capt went back and we went with sail and with a strong
breeze we are thinking of to morrow getting whales and feasting
of the Fresh Beef and Fish Capt. L. game as he is the second
Capt that has taken tea with us from home we are all well
Nov 13 a strong wind and cloudy all day and have not
seen a whale yet it seems quite discouraging now

and one all blessed with good health. Nov 14. Saturday the sky
wind and heavy swell all day, seen tonight whales three times
but could not lower on account of the weather. been
most to bad as it is the first time we have seen whales
since we have been out. I am till you it makes the light
walk deck some and pretty quick to. I am in hopes we
shall be fortunate in seeing and getting some yet. all appear
anxious to see hope for the best we are all well Nov 15 Sunday I have
not quite so much swell one but cold and cloudy raised
the Finback before breakfast it cleared away quite pleasant
in the afternoon to night it blows hard again so much
to day and has passed in different ways with the crew
we are all well Nov 16 we have had a strong breeze all day
the boys have raised the Finback three different times to day
and since supper we raised a school of Small Green
Whales it blowed so hard we could not lower for them
we have got in most all her sails and she pitches now
I have not seen such Seas before but I am not sick
I think I am quite a sailor we are all well and happy
Nov 17. the Gale is still harder and nothing doing or
seen to day but we get enough to eat and are all well
Nov 18 the wind continues blowing yet and heavy swell
and I am not sick nothing doing to day it blows so hard
Nov 19 we are laying here waiting for the Gale to be over
it seems worse instead of better nothing seen we are all
well

Nov 20, not any better weather yet and nothing seem we
could not take any thing if we saw it on account of the
weather I hope it will be better soon I am most times
being knocked about were all well wrought out as before
I don't expect. Nov 21. the same weather the wind is fair for
as so we make sail and see if we cannot find better
weather we put a nice run to day and seems more
like better weather, Nov 22. It a pleasant day but a good
breeze on yet and we are sailing off still further from shore
raised Fimbricks tow on three times to day but have not
lowered yet. I am in hopes they will soon we are all well
some rather discourage it here every night yet. I would liked
to spent to day at home to see all. I am not homesick yet day
fully Nov 23, It been a pleasant day it seems quite good
to have a nice date day yet this is quite a swell one
small dinner raised a school of Blackfish toward all
I built went after three the Mates Boat got one other was
just got away so they have cut him in this afternoon
this is begining I hope we shall get Whales soon for here we
are three months out one Blackfish seen hand perhaps
we shall do well yet we are all well so end to day.
Nov 24, It been a strong breeze all day we have sailed 170
miles to day and still looks like bad weather we know
not wouth we may have not seen any thing to day we are
all well and happy that seem a blessing so far from home

Nov 25 we have had a very strong wind with rain all day
which makes it rather unpleasant we have sailed 120
miles to day we are getting along quite well to wards the
Gulf of Good Hope where I am in hopes we will take time
if we are all well with you this strong night and fine
prospects of any better weather. Thurs 26 a strong wind and
nothing doing on seen to day we are all well Friday 27
a strong breeze and we have sailed fast - nothing doing
I am sick with a cold which I feel rather bad and
besides our Carpenter has had a attack of Fever & Ague
and not very pleasant - weather makes it rather unpleasant
Saturday 28 not so heavy sea on and we are feeling rather
better. seen a few Finbacks to day we are sailing fast as
I am in hopes we will soon see something that will encourage
the crew for we are so long out nothing one Luck fish yet
it seems to bad prospects better Luck by and by Mon 30th been
very pleasant day indeed seen Finbacks a number of times
but know oil yet we are all well, Dec 1st been a splendid
day as soon as we could see 15 miles around the surface
of water but to night the wind being blowing and all prospect
bad weather we know not what we are to have we are all
well. Thurs day 2nd day of Dec such we we have not experience
from home before very early this morning there was two whirlwinds
one on each side of the ship luck attended as it was the officers

of all if it had struck us it would, taken all her nests out
we were protected. what a blessing the weather is getting now.
to night as we are to be there for it we are all well.
Dec 1. I have been before the snow it is a splendid day again so
it changes often. There we have not seen any fish to day. We
have been hunting a new house to go and find as we have
to day. I have cold chills to day and do not feel well now.
but what I have not done the rest of the week. Dec 2.
I have a pain I cannot not write. Dec 3. The same pain is even
continuing yet. I still think it worse weather Dec 4. It does not
get any better. Dec 5. I have not seen one dead since weather Dec
6. Very bad weather and I am sick with fever and I feel hope-
less will not last Dec 10 we are within a quick journey to
the station. But we have a few more. I have not seen any
thing yet if we had we could not get it such weather.
Dec 11 and 12 and 13 the ship sailed at a rapid rate
nearly 700 miles she sailed some. I could not get
up. Dec 14 the wind continued the same while night it
seems better in hopes of a pleasant day to morrow if we do.
Tues Dec 15. I have not been one week to day
my morning it rained and turned to snow but a real vi-
-sion just before dinner it cleared away quite soon.
I have not been able to write since Dec 16. I still am
I have been sick with fever and I feel as ever I was in my
life I am better now which I feel very thankful for it.

we have had good wind most every day have not been
seen any thing all this time but we are making a quick
passage out. we had Christmas day before yesterday on Fri.
Even't out to dinner had a nice dinner all seen & other things
than others at home on this day. I was pleased to know
was so much better it taken some of my flesh of Father's
suffering
yesterday we sailed 200 miles see nothing all feel bad
Dec 27 At our Sabbath it's a thick fog the ship is going
along and we are all quite well we have had very cold
rather for some times we are fast approaching New Holland
then we are to have better weather. I hope it will not be
long before we take some bird, and I hope it will not be
long before I write again when the ship roles so I cannot
write Dec 29 Bad weather again seen nothing we are all
quite well Dec 30 Bad weather again to day we are sailing
fast with fine wind for a passage Dec 31 To day we have
raised 8 sperm whales twice blowing so we could not
get any such luck for us for only twice we have seen them
and bad weather could not lower to day ends this year 1857
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cont. This is the first day of New Year bad weather with us all
is still it seems more like a Sabbath. we had a nice
chicken pie for dinner but we all would like to be
in Seaboard a little while we are all quite well Jan 2^d
We have had our ship lured to for two or three day waiting for
good weather to see if we could not see some whales the

fine prospect of lower weather and fair wind for 10 to 12 days
but, breeches sail and we have found back weather with you
wind, for 3 back weather here and seem as if they get us in
will suit with weather in 10 to 12 days and get a high
10 to 12 with fair weather found that weather again and
foggy & heavy but here on deck we are all quite well. Then
5th strong wind and back weather we are all quite well, as
not over anything this week for 6 back back weather we could
get the land so we are leaving it to get it should like to see
the Holland Jan 7. At a little more clear but strong wind
have not been on deck since finding notice to depart. Hope
I have not lost a lot found time to sleep again and feel a very
good then to send out for what ^{last time} I took all the forenoon to
fix them all got very wet for follow. Jan 9 I have not been very
well & with a little slight attack of Chills again have not been
well deck for two days it is quite a relief to day so they left here
here out in a boat and that a fine sea for it is quite
good to have the ship a little steady again. Feel better & sleep
10th Saturday night. I would like to know how you all do
Joseph and I speak of home often he wishes he was there to
go to school with Wiley so much to say but not soon in a while
this week Jan 10 11 is Sabbath day with but weather again we are
sailing quite fast going to New Zealand the Capt. thinks we shall
be there by a matter of 10 days if nothing happens to us we have
been wonderfully favored on our passage out for all. we
have not got my bil. yet the Prince is bad beginning to feel bad.

making it very hot with us as yet we are all quite well. Jan 11
Jan 11 we are all going to meeting to day Jan 11 It been bad weather
again to day we have sailed 150 miles and not seen
anything but we are all quite well Jan 12 we had
a rainy night and this morning it thinned and lightened
the boys say it struck yester near the ship we was
wonderfully faver now thankful we might be we have
sailed 170 miles to day and to night it prospects of
little better weather we are all quite well Jan 13 we
have had a fine day I went on deck early this morning
my eyes trouble me so much, it seem to be not to
see any whales in this good weather it get warmer
and all day we shall have better weather the further we go
in the Pacific Ocean this is the third Ocean we have sailed
in we are all quite well looking anxiously for whales Jan 14
It is a good weather in fore noon they raised a Blackfish
lowered and got two which will make 3 bbls rather better
than nothing we are quite well Jan 15 Bad weather again
have not seen nothing we are sailing fast so we must
be a day with no other doing nothing such bad weather
we are all quite well Jan 16 It clear but strong wind
have not seen anything yet we shall soon be on New
Zealand's grounds when I am in hopes we will get
some but we are all quite well Jan 17 Sabbath It raining
and bad weather all day and the ship rolls badly, where

all quiet well and healthy so we must suppose we made
 station but a strong breeze not seen any thing of whales
 yet more prospect of good weather we are well & will
 Jan 19. A splendid day saw sports of fish
 twice a day did not go out to the whales to feed
 them and deck considerably to day seem like living
 we are well quite well we are out for four New Zealand
 Jan 20. Bad weather to day I don't think the ship has
 pitched so but the passage out the boys caught a
 porpoise which made us swim fresh to day we were
 all very hearty but feeling badly to think we do not
 see more Whales. I think it is some time since we have
 another eye and looks they sound about the same number of
 Jan 21. Bad weather and did not get on any thing
 the first of which appears to be better weather but did not
 see any Whales at all we are all very well and all the 22.
 a heavy rain and on the 23 we had not seen a ship for
 a number of week but day has come in bright & fine
 and there was a lady on board she came to our ship
 and spent two hours with me than the passengers on
 the next day sailed with the *Heimstad* ^{small} ship. *Ellen*
 came on board spent the day with us good weather and
 very comfortable which I felt was a blessing. ~~on the 25~~
 we soon were in sight of New Zealand we had pleasant
 weather but did not get any oil. We arrived in
 Hoonah on the 1 day of Feb and dropped our anchors

first time since our first arrival here we found two ships with Ladies
rested and then since the next day the same time we
at the same place from the shore it is pleasant here
to look pleasant enough that Ladies come every day to see
me in a week I went for shore to Capt. Butler my
task was to ship what I had every thing done for me and
was going but could not go far in as much as I
wanted to it is so pleasant here we got recruits here
we stayed two weeks then Friday before we came out on the
5 more ship arrived with 10 more Ladies which made
5 of us here weeks spent three days with us we had to
leave her with her other we got out with all of our men
and I quite well and baby which was quite a burden
of the Capt's mind, we have come to know that we
once we have not seen a thing yet we thought we should
stop at Bounting with by mistake the wind was so we could
not touch either so we passed them with thinking of going
to Prince of Wales but by wind by raised I found that
all four boats went did not get one by mismanagement
from told you there was a time the Capt. liked to give
it up, when we was three days out from Hong Kong we
saw the Hawaiian and had a rather long game
got some news gave him some, now have not seen
a ship since we are bound North it very warm and
we have had a calm for two or three days now and
still get to see better weather yet the thermometer

and at 12.0 in the Sunday after yesterday and yesterday
 it was still warmer. I have some ducks and geese
 and will probably winter them with the sheep and
 I can get some from and I suppose I should have
 one or two more. I am taking for the winter some more
 and some more are well this winter. I am now
 in my journal, to say of the weather by calendar
 today. I have been here for some time. I have
 we had a very heavy tempest which left it thick and
 rainy all day it is a little clearer & bright but over
 a whole yet we are all well. ^{not} very cold cloudy
 all day have not seen it a snow from night we
 are all well. It is very pleasant and such warm weather
 with light wind past one mile. I had last night
 I lay 100 ft in colder weather so we all were well. The
 same weather again not hardly know how to go away
 with it. I have been working to see Mr. Chilton get
 down in the hole he was much surprised he did not
 hurt him very much and that is after cold but and
 have not been a whole yet so could to day. I will not
 make 12 ft but thick and falling all day light wind
 all quite well. to day consider the whole weather
 I have got here from the only to write of my Bay 15.
 I am to day and very warm. I am writing with fire. We are
 all quite well. I am now in my journal and I am now

such a way as the wind is light
and mild at the same not sailing but yet the all
sign a feeling of the wanted to see some soon we are
all well and the men 18. day warm again to day nothing in
sight wind light to see some fish but not to be caught
think we shall have a good one in the afternoon we go out
we are bound to do it will not catch 14 day all day
this morning there was a heavy frost when the wind of the
this this is the 1st one that has been very near the ship
we have been very much worried not to be struck by them
we are all quite well the same weather Monday even again
to day and not much wind have not seen any whales yet
we are all quite well the 18. day all day and very
warm which makes us feel almost sick does not see any
thin such hand the 19. day warm again to day nothing
seen or in sight but rather better wind seen Monday
if we was going to get out of this room we the we are all
quite well the 20. a fair wind to day not much of any
more again the Capt just said we had sailed 250 miles in
14 days he think it rather slow getting north we expect to
stop at one of the small islands we have found a number we
suddenly time is fully open in the snow in keeping the ship
and myself comfortable this warm weather we are quite
well so we can get along. the 21. Not much wind but
day warm have not seen any whales or fish yet we
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all night and but a few hours being at anchor 22
we got out not much wind very much fog at anchor
I wanted to go to meeting today there to be but to go with
the son of the party we have not seen a ship for some
yet one we have seen hope we will get well made
today we have had quite a breeze we are fairly
and we been 15 miles to day so we are getting well
and quite well made it be the same in the next few
hours seen whales three times yet nothing we have
quite good wind and hope it will not be long before
we get a whale it very warm but pleasant weather and
we are all quite well so we must not complain.
It 10 days since I have written from the 24 of March till
April 1st it was very warm and we had good breeze this day
we come to anchor I think here we got a lot of kags and 100
shells with two Knakuts and a few Quonities did not
see any whales it very warm yet we crossed the line it seems
rather cooler and saw a few whales this week I have not seen
very well this week the rest of the crew is well I feel to be
our Sabbath here killed whales early this morning and
the boats went for them for London but got a fog & lost
about all the fixtures and he came very near of losing his
life the third boat took him and boat's crew back to the
Ship went back to the other two boats they looked all
day for the whales did not get one animal to the

ship at dark time and began with notice the Captains
with the boats crew a rather a physical flounder
have looking all day for the whales have not found
them so we are going along the border is receding from
his narrow escape but the Captains nurse is out of the
line and besides the mistake and one boatman is killed
so they have not been out to day rather a sad affair but
not feared. During the time of the storm the sea is quite
all April 6 to day is very calm not much breeze have
not seen the whales yet they have about all recovered
from their sandy exposition it has been very warm with a
with a calm seen nothing I have not been very well the
rest are excepting the cook is out of the galley with a
bare hand so ends this week April 11 Sunday it has been very
warm to day no wind nor see any whales yet all feeling
rather down April 12 our planet is washed to day
we begin to hear a light breeze which makes it rather
cooler all quite well April 13 a good breeze and we are
going off quite fast but do not raise a whale yet it seems
to be all quite well April 14 it begins to seem like
it is somewhat cooler and we are going so fast we have nearly
passed all the flocks in a week or two we shall be in the
sea if nothing happens all quite well April 15 we are going off
superbly and it is getting cooler and we have killed a sheep
to day also not see any whales yet we have to live for a
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I hope it will not be long before we see some whales again
we are not quite well the work is tiring up and we have
got on this week April 14 we have to leave you to get
which makes it rather every day do not see anything
the weather is a good bit better than before to all men
be improved but we really quite well sleep and
have a good time before we get in the sea April 17
water rain and quite cool but a good breeze so we
are in the sea we are all quite well April 18 we
continue to sail which makes us feel rather tired
but we have got a good breeze to sail in very strong
the ship is fine we say to the boat of persons
that we have some so far for which we feel thankful
for being preserved thus far and we are all quite well
which is about all I can tell you but we are all
feeling much better healthily two of our boys are
sick and have been for a number of days I hope today
we have had several days calm and the wind
blow so we are now within two hundred miles of
the sea we have not seen any whales but it will not
see us and if we see one was fine but are in hopes
we will get in safely and get some whales in the sea
we have a good team ship since we saw the first whale

It seems a long time we are all well well which I feel very happy
ful for we are sailing fast to sight the coast yet to our own right
we shall see the land in the Strait that we were going in. The
people they all think we are here by remarkable weather that
far I think rather rough I have been very much engaged, the
last week & the other days & the other day I was out and
weighs & bills & takes all my time with all the help I can
go. to take care of him he has now none yet for we have
not got a whale yet I would like to take him now so all
could see him he is so good so much to sight April 21 a
strong breeze and we are sailing fast nothing in sight
nor seen nothing yet Saturday night the mercury going down
for a while rather low than without all well we had not time
to complain. Monday the 1st of April blowing a gale so we have
had to lay too bad weather for us to steer for the Sea in hope
of better weather on all with well, ~~May~~ I we find ourselves
with a good breeze going in the Sea Land on both sides of
us, the ship to get to be on deck all night we don't know
what danger we are in all quite well May 3 It has been a very
pleasant day and we are safe in the Chatham Sea with
good breeze not seen any Ice yet which I dread so much
this afternoon we had a small excitement - had to pull
the ship out in time and put him below which makes
me feel bad to have any trouble on board of the ship it must
be done some times and we have took Joseph for the land
now we do not see any Ice yet on whales either we have

pleasant weather but the mercury is falling & a bad weather
two days back yet and I found when they cast up as are
all well and hearty. There much as I can do to let
of my little one which you not get a name yet for we
not get a whole yet. They blowing a gale at night and
thick fog we will not get in the ice see a few
pieces of ice we are all quite well May 7 we have seen
you the entire to ice but not anything see yet I don't
it so bad not seen a ship or a whale yet we are all
quite well May 8. This morning we found 3 ships in
sight a quantity of ice. The wind cold weather for
the first time which we are blowing ice such masses
of ice I never saw the water just as soon the sun comes
thick fog the splendor weather this forenoon May 8
lowered his boat and went and shot 4 sea fowls we
began to see then I have been quite busy going out
to see the ice and taking care of my little boy & such
long days now the sun never set until 11 o'clock but
not it keeps all busy looking out for ice it come close against
the ship which comes if it must come though we have not
seen a whale yet they think we are not far enough in the
ice very cold now just hollowed gun aloft sail 0. 20 cents
not the Labrador night all quite well I don't feel any the less
I am sure but what will be another week the we leave May 9
on Sabbath and we have been gaming after dinner the Capt.

myself and baby and doubtless crew went on board of the Kingfisher
and spent the afternoon with Capt Palmer and wife and Capt
Duffy and wife and Capt Weyatt, we had a game the first
evening, the ship was only 11 in sight and
see in vicinity and know for miles, we are inclined to guess
with Capt Duffy to tomorrow if we are not driven off by ice
and fog it is almost to see some land's country we are all
quite well Monday 10th A thick fog and a strong breeze closed
the ship, we washed today with a bath house wheels
but we are all quite well it may cold the rigging is repaired in
the and we are trying to keep out of the ice May 11th Today the fog
lifted so we saw 3 ships, not the ones we gained with once
down to visit was the ship Capt Lonsdale he came on board
and took tea with us we exchanged a few words so we
got a little news from the States of the land times at home
often think now it is we shall get it to if we do not see cygnets
soon we are all quite well May 12th I think fog and very
cold and bad weather we are out of the ice and do not
want to get in it whilst so foggy we are all quite well May 13th
Such a storm and gale of wind, never experienced I don't
know but the boys must perish it is cold and still How hard
we know not what will be our fate we cannot reef our sails
at all May 14th Against the ice living again the wind has
abated and we have wonderfully been kept out of the ice
and prospects of good weather Now thankful we are all

we have not been obliged to fight through such a gale such is
the life. since it cleared up there all three ships in sight have
appeared yet we are all quite well & everything is going on as before
we have been running through ice all day this morning no ships in sight
but signals they both are down to us which was the intention.

Capt. Baker and wife Capt. Cook & family with the crew
on board and stayed all day we had a nice quiet day
there some of the clothes they had with them & all the things they
had some better than the others. There has been some dependence
to day but nothing serious we got 20 words to night. Some must
sick with colds some all quite well they 14 to day is Sunday and it
has been quite pleasant all day they called the Capt out to check the
time. I had a letter from a friend of the Capt and a letter from
been looking all day for them have not seen them yet one of the
Capt went with his boat & many the sea and got a lot of things
there is a chance of the two ships in sight going through the ice also
Capt Baker came with his boat this morning and got one thing
so that was taken quite a relief of our mind we are all well
and with colds but none good & spirits but they 14 to day is
most a splendid day plenty of ice on our bows & ships
in sight, there gunnery I have been firing so I have not been
to join the gunnery we feel so good we can not spend much time
now we want some boats, we want some more boats, we want
but we are hopeful it will not be so all the time we are all well
and they 14 to day is a splendid day of our work where the
morning there was 4 ships in sight and Capt. Baker of 24

Ship Reinelder and Capt. Hood of Ship Navy has spent the day
with us and his Capt. Allen of Ship Dolphin and Capt. Henry
of Ship Reinelder and a Capt. White of Ship - all been here
and spent the evening so this evening this day with all with us
Cold such a storm in the weather May 19 I was out in the
weather, calm, ships all around waiting for the ice and the
same as we are our Second Mate went last night on
board of Ship Dolphin and George then came with him
and stayed all night so I had him to go with the Capt.
all been gaming all day they do not come here the Capt.
cannot George back this winter him to stay they know
Lush's very near so we do not game such odds as we all
have got now. Hope we will not get down sick May 20. It
been a calm all day and very pleasant. I have just been on
deck and counted 8 ships in sight one or two going but
we have not had any one to day before come to bed sick with
a cold and it most nine o'clock and the sun is up just
sings yet and rises at 4 o'clock which makes it long days for us
as sure as I have the baby to take care of he is very well has not
got a name yet May 21. It been another calm day and 14 ships in
sight and plenty of ice on one side and the land on the other
and not a sight of a bowhead yet May 22. Another storm
day 21 ships in sight all floating in among the ice during
last night and took in seven ships and they have not
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got out yet the old George & our daughter and Capt. Chase
came on board and took her with us some distance by sight
sight of ship would we not one doing anything we are
all quite well. May 23. Have I thought it been I spoke her
by Capt. Thomas of ship Olga Adams came down to us and
brought her the date a letter from me and sent back one yet.
Some of the ship has agreed to go into the sea saying but cannot
is come back this afternoon the line is rather long. William
came on board of us and then John called some others and spoke
for Mrs. G. called us a bunch so we went and took her with
we had any pleasant visit Capt. Tallman took her with us.
A direct call to ship in sight several days at one all well
but almost tired with her. What Mary & I have in our hands
day I have washed and this afternoon we spoke the ship well
again to get and then thought they came and took her with us
also kept Thackeray of ship back some more in case of a ship. We
went on board of P. B. Richmond then he heard that the ship was
was not a ship of the fleet to have that so we are passing away. I
think Joshua knows it yet so will go to school, by going to school and
as well we are quite near the land the ship that has been in the sea
this week past do not get along any so I do not think they are
very better off all the people. I want to know very much so we cannot
tell what we shall do yet some say one thing and some another all
have different opinions, and almost strange I do not know what

to be seen yet plenty of Ice around us we are all quite well May 26
in the pleasant day 21 Ship in sight and we went to Turbid
Bay and cannot get thru on account of Ice so we are all a
waiting Capt. Moultrie calls to see us today when we
are floating around the Ice for a chance to get through all quite
well. we speak more or less ships every day May 26. This morning
we with 21 Ship found ourselves in solid Ice cannot get
in or out trying to steer through into the Bay to night it some
thick and we are quite near the Land we thought the Ice
over and we are in 102 fathoms of water and to night got
to be same with the tide and wind left to the on the morning
of the waves we are all quite near each other so we are not
alone the wind is breezing up we are not much this night
May 27. It a pleasant day with strong breeze all sail in and
we have been for a while to drift with the Ice in clear water
again which I feel thankful for it is impossible for any of the
ships to pass to our head land there is quite a number of
ships in very heavy Ice got drifting out and a number
that is further out in clear water then we are we might
as well stay out we have all ready knocked our Passports of
but we have to go with the rest we do not mean for one to get
in without our being there we are all quite well we don't know
what will before to noon and it quite cold a pleasant night, May 28. We
are out in clear water waiting for the Ice to go a whole good deal
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this morning we found a strong ship out from the Capt. took his
boats crew and went to see for an idea to be the first vessel Capt
Howes, this afternoon another large came down which was the
Amazon of Graham Capt. Eldridge came on board of us with some
Capt Lawrence of ship from the shipyard with ten or twelve
Brig. came down as just from the American wharves and we got
some late papers but know better than is 15 ships in sight and
it looks like but weather we are all quite well May 29 Saturday
Night again which seems to be the best of the day. All day most
I have not felt well to day the Capt. just returned he has been to talk
to the on ship Amazon so much to night I would like much to have
from home May 30 It has been a Sabbath it being foggy and with a
breeze all day a few ships in sight we have not spoken
to day which seems quite still we are all comfortably waiting
for the Bee to make up we think it will soon we are all quite
well for this weather which is pretty bad May 31 It has been foggy and
cold all day we have not seen either her or land this afternoon spoke
the Minerva Capt. Howes came on board a dark tea with us
we all went it to light up very much it such bad weather do not
feel very well all are much quite smart, to the first day of June
It was foggy all the forenoon but we ventured to sail and we
spoke the ship Valga it has been coming up all the afternoon
not a sight of Bee to be seen we have it sail out going pretty
quick to the Turkish Frigate we are then moving back

Bowhead Island 2000 remarkable all clear water & ice
be seen only two ships in sight we know of quite a number but
but don't know how many has got in a head of us we see the land
all around covered with snow the air is clear and cold we are
feeling rather better to night I hope it will not be long before we get
spoken from June 2. It been a cloudy day last night we came
to the ice need to turn a dog back so we are waiting for clear
weather it so changeable here we are all quite in June 3. the
weather has been about the same all day to night it looks a little
better this afternoon we spoke the Hermit the Capt went
and got some signs of Capt Howes he with other ships are
waiting for clear weather so it is a real plague of the wind to
look out for ice, we are all quite well June 4 today the fog has
lifted so we have ventured to run inside of Bowhead
Island and main land we have nearly come to see some ships
in the ice and other 2 with us and it has shot down a
thick fog now we get out we know not all are trying with us
to get out again we are in the mercy of the winds June 5
the thick ice & snow have been ~~very~~ only directed we con-
sider we are better off than we was last night which we
are thankful in the Capt was on deck until 12 o'clock
It is got a thick fog we do not see or hear of anyone I
feel afraid we shall hear of some worse we all
have one keeper he is able It Saturday night a thick

you will not get a whale or you get through the ice
yet but we are all well & well, which I am thankful
for, since C. H. is in the ice we are yet in the fog making
and only moved waiting for clear water and to night
it is a little more obstructed although we are not late
this is our life for now that is to live I think now would
be very ^{the} happy, daily we have good company (by the
is to us and we do not "hate" it, I hope we
may have that soon should know they could have
a different regard for Indians as all these days such as
we thankful life is to live here that is to live with
well rather to live here than to see a ship on land cutting
in good weather we have plenty of food I am not sorry I am
here, and am comfortable considering how we are situated,
since I do have ^{enough} food all day and we have not seen anything yet
not a ship either we are all quite well I am & the fog began
to clear this morning so this afternoon we are found in the fog
we are known many by Jefferys & think there is a ship within 100
miles in the ice we have seen the first boathead to windward
concerned our four boats but we did not see them yet we found
that they all had boats and after whales the ice is coming down
faster and faster I hope we shall not get blocked in we are
all quite well know one ship is out yet found our
selow in a ship of clear water with ice all around us in a calm

with two or three ships, quite near Capt. Green of Ship ⁽²⁾ Mest-
has spent the day with us he has been all around and reports
the things with nothing we cannot see anything here, we all
know not when we shall get there we are all quite well
Sun 10 Thursday we found ourselves carried with the tide across
the bar and we had to put our anchor down with 15 fathoms of
water and also the ship. Petera Ship Capt. James and wife he
came on board and went for Mrs. James they come and spent the
day glad enough to see us lady for we don't know how long we
will have to stay here we are all quite well from 11. A thick
quantity of ice came with the tide last night I have not seen
yet but it has not been quite clear yet and myself have spent
the day on board of the Eliza and had a very pleasant visit all
our boats have been out looking for whales several ships
in the ice not one got any whales yet we cannot get out so
we will have to lay still we don't know what will be for us we
are all quite well from 12. Saturday calm and foggy our boats have
been out and have not seen any whales, got some sea gulls and ducks
this fore noon we spied a carcass of a whale landed and went
to it got a piece of the tongue tried it and it made a bit of
oil poor being makes good eating this afternoon Capt. and
Mrs. James come to see our aging and Capt. Thacker
of Ship Borea he got in clean water and inched and
has not got any thing also to night the Eliza came and anchored
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not far off and when the Harshule Schooner and we see some
in the Sea that would be glad to anchor for the Copper is get-
ting quite low and not one taking any whale now can get out
of quantity of Sea to come down out of them but we are
hoping that a week from now we might be able to
have a large catch. The Saturday night we are feeling sa-
tisfied now with the catch with four more not what
we are all getting with four more but we are a very
pleasant day we have had we are getting anchor in the
water but the light sail rather in every not anyone can
see a whale for that is a constant story about the
water to what we are in the water in the Sea yet they
will have to come here with the tide we are all quite
well which I am very thankful for and we will leave all to
Gods care that is able to direct all things right June 14
Last evening we took our anchor up we had a little breeze
and this morning we found ourselves up the N.E. part of the Bay
the Watch called the Capt at 4 o'clock and a down and one
did not go for him we have backed a number of times the fog
still hangs about so we have had to let go our anchor again
not got a whale yet we are all quite well June 15-66 have a pleasant
day I have washed all the ^{ship} plates very soon going on my own
matter not so re done, or seeing anything the Capt visited or
gunned with the Frigate Columbia yesterday Capt & down it came in

approximately as we are now anchored in the middle of the Bay waiting to see so we can get on the other a west side a number of Ships with us the Ice all gone where we are now we are all quite well June 14 It been a thick fog all day so we have not took our anchor up yet - we hear the Horns of other Ships so all are at anchor yet, the Capt just come down says by Thermometer the water is 44 and the Air 42 ^{degrees} he thinks the Ice is going fast we all long to see clear weather so we can get some where there is such sides we have to keep our anchor down we are all quite well and would feel better if we was doing better June 17 The fog did not clear until about 1 o'clock this afternoon and we took our anchor up in two or three hours it shot down thicker than ever we put our anchor down again and to night it has cleared up more than it has since we have been in the Bay we can count 20 Ship in sight not one got a whale yet it seems rather hard times here we are at anchor to night and we are all quite well longin' for whalers to come in sight, June 18, It been a splendid day we took our anchor early this morning and have had a quite a breeze so we are going over the Bay there is now Ice to be seen plenty of Ship in sight we have had Capt King of Ship Marion Huntress and Capt. Spencer of the Honolulu Schooner to come on board to night Capt. Spencer saw a Bowhead about where we now are to day our hopes

we will be the intimate must get him Capt King report
the Ship & settled down to Union Band got one dead whale
thor back we Rowed with 16 of a whales Lip rather back all give
well with good weather in hopes to have some good luck yet
June 19 we ran all night Early this morn saw two Sperm whale two
Boats went for them but did not see them again about noon it
looked like bad weather we anchored not far from Egg Rock
about ten miles from town Bl. after dinner the 1st and 2^d
Mates took the Boats and crews went to town they have got to
stay all night it been blowing very hard since a number of
ships are in shore where with slight gusts the two Boats have
been to the Rock but did not get on Egg quite went to go on
shore myself not one got a whale yet we are all quite well
for Sunday night if I could look in the good house
June 20 This morning one of the two Boats went off left us quite
lonely at noon all four boats were all back the Boats from
town brought 7 barrels of milk the six barrels
the Smith did not taste and also Mr Wendell got 7 barrels
of a Delaware town Boat we had to take on shore as it
has been a strong breeze all the afternoon & night we spoke
the Ship Sheffield Capt Green and wife the Capt and one
boarded I did not see Mrs G. it going back we are so expect
we both will have to anchor here much longer bread & meat
we are trying to get out we cannot tell when yet not one

know I what to do nothing seen yet all my low I do not
feel very well to night the rest appear to be quite well
this is one life to live poor Adam as poor as can be does not
sleep or eat a great deal. I hope we may have better luck. soon
June 21. It been quite thick weather all day our boats have
been out all day seen two Boatswains not got one Capt Green
and wife has passed the day with me we are yet at anchor I
am to go on board of the Sheffield if weather and we lay her
to morrow we are all quite well June 22. Our Boats went away
very early this morn. It been very flowy and bad weather I could
not make any call Capt Eldridge came and spent the day
with us our boats have come seen whales but not got one
yet nor any one else grand times. Here we are all quite well
we are at anchor yet June 23. Our Boats all went away early
this morn the weather is changeable. here it was quite pleasant
we got ready to go to the Sheffield as Capt Cook of Ship Maria
Theresa came and he took us in his boat on board and
we spent a very pleasant day we was quite late back as
we had to wait it blowed so hard we got now whales today
we shall take our anchor if pleasant in the morning if the
prospects of better weather we are all quite well June 24. It good
weather and we took in early that the Capt went on board
of Maria Theresa and Capt Cook let us have a boy for me
to take care of my darling baby he is so heavy. I needed help

so we have been sailing all day and we now are in the
N.E. part of the Bay and are nearly ready to anchor
again as it is so foggy that is the way we do there is two
ships in sight no one got a whale yet we are all quite
well waiting for good luck as we are at anchor now. It got
down fine at 11 been a foggy day but we took our anchor
quite early Capt. Tilton of ship Robt. Morrison came on
board after we got under way and he took a Goble whale
last surely we have not see one yet we are all quite well
fine 20. We drop our anchor at 12 o'clock this morning it been
a rainy foggy day we are near town the country have
not been in sight we are all quite fine 21. At one o'clock we
took our anchor early this morning and this afternoon we saw
two Bowhead our boats went for them did not see them this eve
we have had Capt. Merchant of ship Robt. Smith and Capt.
Pearse of St. George and Capt. Tilton of Robt. Morrison and had
a real gun then whole talk was to know when the Bowheads are
we are quite near the land and rather thick I suspect we
will have to anchor again we are feeling quite low & tired
but quite well fine 22 It been a drizzly foggy day have not
seen anything yet but have we are all quite well fine 23
It was so foggy this morning and we was so near the land we
had to drop our anchor again our boats went this forenoon
and have been there after noon but got nothing saw whales the

Labouche was fortunate enough to get one hand truck for
I hope we will get one this season we are all quite well (37)
we are now at anchor at Nigger Head. June 30 we are yet
at anchor at Nigger Head for our sails and boats
has been and has not got anything such back for us
we are all quite well July 1. but your boats has been
some all chitt thick fog about twelve o'clock two of the boats
came in sight today we send our fifth boat to them the
the two boats arrived at 9 o'clock got them supper sent
them to assist one of the Banks streets give out 30 lb in the
best I could get on at 12 o'clock all five boats ar-
rived with a small whale we got supper which
give them a short watch below. all tired enough -
July 2 Your boats did not go this morn we cut in the
whale which will make 25 bbls this afternoon the fog
lifted and we saw 3 Bowheads from the ship the boats
knew for them it was to late all not quite so tired as
last night July 3. It has been a thin fog and rainy all day
our boats had been gone all day saw two Bowheads
did not get any the ship has been sick all day up on deck
the mice are not taken over anchor up to morning
one of the men on Sabbath we killed one little black pig this
after noon I hope we will get a whale July 4th. such cold wind
and Sabbath our boats went away at 12 o'clock this morn

and the men were boiling the oil while the lady was
-before sick so we have shut out of our hands some
luck early this morning the wind was fair so they got
the anchor and we were under way and sailing and this after-
noon two more boats came in sight the boats went did
not get any thing at all. we are waiting for some
sunlight. what will be our morning quite a little before
sailing. I hope to be able to get the boat of my
friends to dry our boats lower for a while. Boat went but did
not get him and they shall then fall in the fore hole but
did not hurt him very seriously quite fortunate for him.
So ends the day. I think for and say it was quite still
to dry our boats out. I went once but did not get anything
but feeling rather better but my lady has been sick all day
which makes it rather bad for me and also Mr. C. is sick
from his fall and it thick fog and sailing quite hard so we
have let go our anchor again so we know our what will
be on to morning the rest are quite well. I think it cleared
some. This morning we took our anchor quite early and this after-
noon it was quite clear our boats have lowered twice to my
boat did not get anything. good luck for us we are all a little
better and hope we shall soon get some more oil. July 7th
foggy and very unpleasant. we have not seen anything to day
we are all quite well my lady is all better out with the men.

which I think the worst is over now the rest will be well
July 8 the fog has lifted a little so we can see our
going over to Unalaska and therefore our Capt. Pittman
pulled about 3 miles from his ship to speak to the
the Capt of Ship Bussell was safe and also Capt. Thomas
of Ship Eliza Adams came on board and spent the eve
our boats went for a mussel digger but did not get
him as say such times over was we could tell what it
will be feel very thankful that we are all quite well
July 9. It came on such bad weather we got in front
Haber and let go our anchor early this morn and
blowing very strong we saw some mussel diggers but
have not got an all quite well except myself I feel
rather low in hope to feel better, by 10 tomorrow night
we have had most a gale of wind all day but even
our boats have towed twice but did not succeed
to night it quite plain to we are quite near the land
it looks splendid it is so green if pleasant I shall go on
shore a little while I have not had the pleasure of seeing
a Russian yet we are anchored not far from their
settle ment so when it get good weather I expect to
see them I would like to look in at home to night
and see all that I left there I want to hear from home very
much I hope it will not be long now before we shall have

we are all quite well. July 11. It commenced blowing last
night and we had to take our anchor early this morning to own
it and such a gale we have not had for a long while I have
not been able to get up over so sick the rest are all quite
well July 12 The gale is yet quite severe and we have got
safe out of the Bay and it being we are going now to see
if we can get some bright whaling for a short time and
then we are to come back to the bay again such bad weather
we have had I have not got up today as sick but enough
all quite well July 13 The gale has abated but it is yet foggy
and we have not seen anything yet I have got over being
sick and we are all quite well and it quite pleasant to
night. Good luck for you yet. July 14 It been foggy all day
rather hard look for us not seen anything yet and it
getting late in the season we are all quite well. July 15
It been the pleasant day we have had for the season
I have stayed quite a while on deck as it was such
a rarity to have a little sun so we could see land
that is 70 miles off very plain but we have not seen
anything but a point of a green back yet which makes
all feel rather dull we are all quite well July 16 again
it been a rather thick foggy day and we are pursuing
for the land all seem quite discouraged and I am not feel-
ing well I have had a slight attack of fever and agree to
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which I hope will not last the rest of all quiet back
July 17th Saturday night Sam writing home is engaged
in making a rat trap the baby is asleep it now looks
It been frozen all day not seen anything and we are within
in 10 miles of Land running off and on every three hours
I had quite severe chill this noon but am better now
the rest of our crew are all well and hearty if we was only
taking oil all would feel better I just heard the mate
wishing himself at home it now use to think it to far
off to night if we only can live to go some time what I
ask all think they have a hard time but the Capt has the
worst of all I don't know what will be come of us this
Leave July 18th been frozen since day can hardly see a
ship length now do not see any whales we are laying off
and on to the land waiting to get into the Bay again
such discouraging times for all of our little
and home did not know what to do so he has shaved
his whiskers of looks on a cotton cover I have had weather
chill but quite favorable though it may pass off now
the rest are all quite well July 19th has rained
and all day and night and thick fog we are keeping
off Land that is all we are doing the first of the
his rat trap and has made a shoe for the baby I hope
we shall not be engaged in doing nothing this season

It first passing nearly 11 miles from home and not
without one of our boys for some which the rest are quite
well I have escaped to day without a child which I feel
better very thankful for it I am in hopes we will get
some shore but soon July 20th there is a very foggy day
and all are not far from land we think we are in the
water will get on it we must we cannot tell that we have
to leave the boat one that is able to steer one ship might
be in not say all the rest is all as well as usual we do
not see any whales yet I hope we may do so July 21. Today
the fog has been off so we have seen the land all day
and a while this morning it was very pleasant we have per-
sued Broadhead Island and now are in the Bay again
there is 4 ships in sight but one boiling it is disconcerting
the Capt says he is not going to stay here but we cannot
tell what is best for us every thing is very dark and we shall
spend one of the ship and get the new we are all quite
well to night we know not what will be to morrow we
are going to get wood and water here July 22 The Capt
spoke the Eliza Anderson went on board last eve there have
been three whales taken since we have been gone it has
a very pleasant day but we have not seen a shore yet
to night we took the tide and now we are at Ancho

about 2 miles from Higganhead and our boat was very very
early to morning I hope we will get a whale soon and
all quite well & by 23 It been a very pleasant day our boat was
very very early but did not see anything how discouraging
the Capt. myself and boat's crew after dinner took the launch
found boat and landed on Disk Shore about two miles
from the ship it is the second time I have stepped on land
for 11 months it was very pleasant and the shores and
hill was so green and such splendid stream of water
salmon - but to leave there but I left my darling
one in Joseph's care not knowing how it would be
for him it was not my Native Shore, I was about 4 hours
I was in hopes to see a bowhead we saw a number of
Seals every quantity of birds but know whales yet
the rest of the ship's doing nothing we know not what
it will be yet, we are all quite well to day is the
first time we have see feed for whales so we are in
hopes they will come soon now July 24 It been a cloudy
windy day our 4 boats went away at 4 o'clock this morn
took 10 casks with them to get fresh water at noon it
blowed so strong the 1st and 3^d made went and got the
casks we sent our fifth boat and they got to the ship
at 1 o'clock the other two did not come until night did
not see a whale I don't what will be come of us if blowing

quite hard we cannot tell what will be or to move
I hope good luck we are all quite well which I am very
thankful for. It has been a very early this morning
and two of our boats went away to hunt a cloudy day
again we have seen some Minke Whales however two boats
did not get them it blowed so the boats all come early
it one Substrate which does not seem much like it there is
so much to see to, but we try not forget that there is Substrates
what time people live they can get use to anything I have not
felt very well the rest are all quite well July 26 It has been a
strong breeze all day and cloudy we saw a whale of some
kind it was going against we could not begin to get it so we
have not yet got him in hope it will not be long but we
we spoke the Chiza Islands and a barque from Sandwich
Island a Capt Wood he and Capt Thomas came on board of
us and stayed until 11 o'clock I was asked what I did not get up
they were both poor enough seen nothing Capt Wood says from
Puffin Blower told of one Capt's death this season
hard luck I am not very well but the rest are all quite
well July 27. It has been a good breeze and we are now on
the right whale ground we come out by Bowhead Sound just
before morning it blowed so and nothing seen the Capt
would not stand it any longer today we have put up
ourselves of a whale I am in hopes we will get one soon

Can let one pass some one else but have not seen anything
yet but we are in hopes to soon we are all quite well
to night which I feel very thankful for we are now in the
South part of the Sea July 23rd been a splendid day we
have not had such a day since we have been in the Sea
Have been on deck considerable but not seen a spout
to day it's not a very strong breeze we are hoping to see some
thing all are very low spirited hope they will be cheered
up all quite well July 29th quite a good breeze not
so pleasant as yesterday do not see anything yet all as low
as ever but quite well July 30th to night we felt as if we
might see some whales but we carried a ship this fore
noon on our track this afternoon we saw a whale we
lowered 4 boats the Reuben Lewis & which was 3 boats they did
not get it these boats reported to ours that they had
got 900 only been out there 3 weeks I can tell you we
all felt rather sober so at night we spoke the
ship Capt Hawes and wife came on board as
they had only got 1500 but had store enough
to make them 900 such foggy weather they could not
get it such bad weather I am in hopes we will see
whales yet I was quite glad to see Mrs H. they did
not stay long as the fog came in so fast so we cannot
tell when we will see them again whales we want to see

we are all quite well which is a great blessing only 31
It been a cloudy drizzly day with quite a strong breeze
and we are trying to look whales but seen nothing to day
not even the ship. tonight is Saturday which reminds
me of home some now thinking of all at home as it
is time for them to write me some in hopes to hear
good news we know not what it will be I would
like very much to have you all to know how we was on
Board of Ship Roman is a true born spirited but all quiet
well we are 65 miles from land in Arctic Sea
Aug 1st our Sabbath and it been a cloudy foggy day and
we have not seen anything to day which makes us feel bad
but we are all quite well hope it will not be long be
fore we will get some whales we are all quite well Aug
2. we have been in search of the whales the officers see last
night at 11 o'clock we have been the ground over several
times and nothing to be seen it seem hard luck for us
I hope it will not be so long it cloudy and foggy such
bad weather we are all quite well Aug 3 It been quite
clearer and quite a good breeze so we have run a 3
degrees farther South than we are in hopes to be sure and
see whales we saw killers this fore noon now we want to
see Wright whales it quite clear to night and we are all
anxiously look we are all quite well we are about 50 miles

from land do not see it Aug 4th been a rainy day and
quite a good breeze last night we saw a Wright whale and
it was so late we could not get him and we have
been looking all day not seen a sign of one to day
we get him in hopes of seeing some more but we are
all quite well but at ten another rain & yesterday
not seen a whale yet which tells all thing how un-
fortunate we are in getting but I hope it will not be
so always we are all quite well rather low in spirits
yet we are 123 line. 14th 18th 19th 20th miles from land
Aug 6th It been a calm pleasant day we raised a whale
early they went and before breakfast and pulled him
did not get it he was down in breakfast we heard a rush
on deck some to find a dead one over board going to
drown him self poor thing been sick ever since we took
him it frightened me toward a boat and saved him
and to night at a late hour we raised three more
whales here they have layed around the ship all the
evening we could hear them shout but could not get
them which makes us feel bad when we want them so bad
we are all quite well Aug 7th Another Saturday night
the weeks pass away fast and our season is fast passing
and we have had such hard luck we have been look-
ing for three whales we had a splendid day just
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wind and weather for taking whales not a one to be seen. we are
rather low in spirits but assure everyone as still the same.
and washing of the water is all the sound there just now.
my dear, but it is in fact as sharp what could I do without him he
is so much company his father has to be aloft nearly all the
time I hope we will have better luck soon I would like much
to skip in and see all my friend but we are in the sheltered
Sea and have got too much to do now to stay here however
I hope to have good news from home to day just now I am
to work his land, for the night we are so much here but
all quite well which I feel thankful for and to our table
it has been cloudy but we could see quite a distance but
we have seen nothing but a Fairbairn how disconcerting
the mate has had to make a straight jacket today to put
on the Knakapa he still has it on his mind he is tired
of life what I don't, the rest of our crew is all well looking
for a change. It blowed a gale of wind all day if we had
seen whales we could not have been out there I have had to
pay in bed nearly all day but we are all quite well
hoping it will better weather and see some whales to morrow
any to it been a strong breeze and cloudy our boats have
rowed twice for one whale today the last we saw of
it. He was going at a great rate at the windward so
we have not got that head back yet there was one ship in

light this morn we run to her to night the Rebecca Smith
she has not got a whale since we saw her last and
they lowered for whales to day did not get them they
Capt went on board it was late and argued so that
not go soon Mrs Harris could not come here such bad
weather so very rough last night the Leeward men said
white streaks pass the ship which denot but
weather here I am in hopes we will catch whales
again soon we are all quite well Aug 11. It been a
stormy breeze and very cloudy I have seen nothing
but the ship in sight we want some whales we are
all quite well, Aug 12 It been a cloudy day we raised
whales very early this morn but did not get any have not
time I have done all I could do I wish my two ships
and I hope they will bring good back our ship in
not going the same way with us we are all quite well
Aug 13 It been a cloudy rainy day seen nothing to day not
on the one ship we are all quite well Aug 14 It been a
night we have not seen any whales we have had a good
go so the Rebecca Smith been in sight all day they
went to us and Capt and Mrs Harris come on board and
at a few points which is very pleasant to see some one
have not got or seen any whales we are going further

South in hopes to find some before this season is yet
we are all quite well Aug 15-16 our Sabbath and we have
had a foggy day again but we have seen all day without
we have today ~~are~~ in in Long 15-26 16 photo to Lee with nothing
but lives in hopes yet that there will be ^{be} better luck for us. ^{St. John}
is our motto, we are all quite well which I feel thankful for
I would like to see all that have looked at to day in Long 15-26
but cannot, in hopes to have good news from home soon Aug 16
It been a cloudy foggy day seen nothing but some birds
we had quite a breeze and we are going to see what we are
quite well Aug 17 It been a clear pleasant day which we have
had for a long time before, and beside we saw several whales
of our boats have been gone all the afternoon but did not
see anything such hard luck, why it is so we cannot tell the
is only 25 miles all around us in sight we are all pretty safe
and sad hoping yet we may get one of those big whales yet
to morrow all quite well Long 15-22 Long 15-34 Aug 18
been a pleasant but calm day raised a whale our only
Capt went with his boat and two others so calm could
get him after dinner raised more went with three
one boat was fast to one of them big whales 4 hours and the
horns drew and they lost that cry quantity of whales in

and we can hear their shout and cannot see them so we are
in hopes we can get some yet we are all quite well
ill anxious to get some of the big whales Aug 19. It
been a foggy day plenty of whales around such dense fog
cannot go from the ship. Toward once this fore noon and
since dinner in three hours I saw 3 monstrous big whales
from the ship when we towed for then did not get any
it seem to bad to here those shouts in the fog and not
see them it seems hard luck but we have hopes of getting
one of them yet they are not going away and we shall
see here we are the only ship, we have all ready seen
enough to fill 40 ships the land is all around us and
plenty of whales how much we shall get I cannot tell we
are all quite well Aug 20. It been quite calm and we have
not towed this fore noon but did not get any it seem
very I hope we will not have bad weather we want
one of these whales yet we are all quite well Aug
another day has passed we have seen whales ^{twice} and
I second Mate's boat steamer miss it how hard such
it for us and it quite bad weather and getting bad
today night we all feel sad it blowing quite strong
we are all quite well Aug 22. It been quite calm and
blowing very strong all day we have seen whales twice

this afternoon our buoys are down now it so late I
don't think they will do any thing it getting better now
so I am wishes we will get some of these whales
we are all quite well but the low is spreading
for the person is passing and we are getting nothing any
It been a cloudy day and we have not seen in this while
just at night they said one whale was killed but we
but did not get it we are all quite well Aug 24 It has been a
cloudy day with quite a breeze raised another whale
+ a cork went for him did not get it rather hard luck
we are all quite well Aug 25 It has been blowing a gale all day
and we are lying under close sail to sail we saw one
whale close by the ship could not lower the breeze to go
blowing on we know not what it will be it may land we
know whales but we are all quite well Aug 26 We are get-
ting to the blow has been quite severe we the ship yet we
have raised one sail in sight tonight which is quite a new
to us we saw with the whale such luck for us it seem hard
but we are thankful for it I have been in bed some
all day but we are all quite well Aug 27 The blow is about
over so tonight we spoke the Bayne Helen Snow today
Phanix Bay she reports the ship doing nothing the son

of we are missing like company the capt went on board of the
Suzanne we lowered at twice today for whales did get on it
blow so the mate of Helen Snow said he had his boat
steamer knocked over board so he went back plenty of
whales and bad weather hard luck we are all quite well
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Aug 20 It been quite good weather some foggy our boats was
in chase of whales 7 hours this forenoon put 4 boats in
we he took them with two lines and went the boats
moved to the ship with our stowen one safe in the
log such times whaling with bad management and
and make makes some rather cross and fret all are being
suffering damages and three boats have lowered this afternoon
and we know whale got so ends Saturday night some rather
and watching whales and taking care of my darling baby we
are all quite well Aug 29 It been our Sabbath a rather cloudy
pleasant day not seen any whales only one sail in sight
a mate has been sick the rest are quite well Aug 30 It
a quite a pleasant day plenty of whales in sight our boats
we be down twice it was so calm they could not begin
to catch them my baby has been sick so I have not had
on deck today and also the mate is sick the rest are
quite well the boat and one sail in sight Aug 31 It
a strong breeze we saw whales this forenoon and lowered

it blowed so could not get any the Barge ran down to us
this afternoon and the Capt came on board and took bear
with us we have not seen any whales this afternoon we are
all quite well again - Sept 1. It my birthday and I have
spent rather an uncomfortable day laying in bed we have
had the severest gale that I ever experienced at sea and
we are spared but there has been no wind in sight all day
hardly could look at them much more go for them the gale
is not yet over we cannot tell how long it will last we are
thankful to be spared this far and all quite well Sept 2
The gale has not abated much yet and the ship rolls but
there has been no wind in sight all day have thinking of the 11th
we know what will be result of this gale we are safe yet
and all quite well the air has been clear so the land has been
in sight all day such is life for poor whalers, Sept 3. It been
cloudy day know whales in sight the gale has moderated
so the boats might go we have not seen the Barge yet &
hoped it is on its way yet we have raised a whale our boats
lowered it was so late it was known we such luck for us
we are all quite well and it getting better weather I hope so
we will get some whales Sept 4 It Saturday night and here
we are know oil got our boats have lowered three times

and of know use it begins to seem hard. The Barque is get-
ting the case in sight this morn and we think she has
whole it will be to bad if she has one and we not en-
ough clean but slowly with a good breeze & with
a life for whaluman the Capt has been at mast-head
all day long and it is cold and chilly wind I have been
quite busy taking care of my darling Child as that is my
principal business with all the help I can get I am
thankful I can do that if we had little better luck
we all should feel better rather low in spirits but
all quite well Sept 5th our Sabbath and all have been
catching whales our boats have been down twice but have
not got any yet. They have been in sight all day it a cloudy
day the ship Silencer in Capt Edwards came down
in the morn and we spoke her and the Capt went on
and of her he is from Bister Ocean reports the ship doing
very much times I don't know what all will do for the
Silencer now cutting in a whale to day I hope it may be our
- next we are all quite well Sept 6 we are in
154-53 which we have not been more than 20 miles distant
since the 17 of Aug, saw whales again to day it rained and
so could not do any thing such hard luck for
to see to back we are all quite well which we are

the 7th Sept 7. It been a strong breeze and cloudy day
they raised whales this afternoon & landed for there without
success as that is our luck did not get any. Hope it will not
be so long we are all quite well Sept 8. It been a clear good whaling
day raised 6 whales at 4 o'clock this morn the boats went
for there at 6 o'clock they got fast they was fast 6 hours he
got away with 7 tons in his hand luck enough at the
get back at 2 o'clock this afternoon all rather low in spirits
that ends this day whaling in hopes to see some more to morrow
if we live I am not very well to night I have got the Constable
so bad the rest are all quite well Sept 9 This morn we found
it blowing in a gale again and getting back so we up with
Main Rig and come out past the Head saw one whale
could not lower first and we have got a strong breeze &
going quite fast we shall cruise along and go North past
Fairbank Bay and get to wind and water and are in hope
a few recruits we are all quite well Sept 10 It been a sun
shiny foggy day a whale came along side of the ship so
foggy we could not go for him yet this not luck for the Ph
we have poor luck so far perhaps it will be better yet we
are all quite well Sept 11 It Saturday night and been a
pleasant day saw one whale but did not see him

again such luck. I am not very well and would like
much to look in at home to night to see how you all
get home it will not be long before we hear from home now
it getting to be pretty rough weather now I am hopes we may get
some bit yet we are all quite well Sept 12. It being it being
very pleasant day we have not seen anything to day. Have not
been on deck for two or three days but the cold sea and the
chilly winds here. we saw one ship yesterday from some
distance off do not know who it was. I must long to go to meeting
and often think how I had the privilege before now.
I have had a fair and good breeze and we are fast approaching
Bay it foggy to night a natural consequence we are all
it well Sept 13 It been foggy with a good breeze and we
are quite near the land so we have have to as the phrase
have not seen anything to day I am not feeling very well the
it are quite well Sept 14 It been a very pleasant day so I have
to do my washing and besides this afternoon we missed
I got a small dead whale for a little luck we are glad to
be so much but are in hopes to get some of the Bowheads
Bowhead Head was in sight this morn and we are not
from it now and one ship in sight we are going in
Bay I hope good luck will attend us yet we are all quite well
have just called for a boat that the first of that ship is just

to a whole they are some distance off so they may be a chase
for us yet, Sept 18th been a blount day and will have been
boiling all day and not get through yet for the Capt. with
another boat went in to beach and found on a survey some
back fell in with a school of Killers and got two which will
make some 15-20 very little helps was a days since not felt any
well today there is two ships in sight we are trying to get in to
the Bay that ship we saw last night was the Ohio she says for us and
Capt. Barrett came on board of us he is just from Thurston Bay
reports some ship done well and others not they say it is hard there
we are all quite well Sept 19th in the p.m. Capt. Barrett says they
cut in the two Killers off deck and finished both the other whale
and we have got inside the bay spoke the Eliza Adams Capt. Thomas
became on board and took tea with us and before he went they
Edwards of Wilkes came and they spent the evening Capt. Thomas
has been here all through the season he says two more ships have
taken two and three whales which make them quite well of what
they need we are going to trigger hard to get wood and water
and we are bound of all are going to leave the morning we come
in the snow now and it very cold and getting more so the sun
to be nothing here which all say they never saw much times. In
afternoon the Capt. christened the baby and gave him a
whip-6 Schut he is only 2 months old and just a name this was the

does not agree with me here we are going to get some fish here
and Bullocky which I hope we may well see quite well but
low spirited I think how Landed Ship was burned and got a fire on
the ship last summer for then we have the new as quick here as
you do at home surely we have heard from all the ships and how
Sept 17th went plan it day and we sent our boats early this morning
in wood and about noon we anchored under Higginhead and sent
boats for water we shall look around the sea to be nothing yet
in boats ~~associated~~ safely with wood and water and not seen
whale every thing is dark we think there is nothing here and the
evening is going down and the Capt says he going out of this so
shall not be able to see any Russians now we are all quite
all this evening there is a very bright comet in sight it was
a most magnificent sunset I most ever saw to night we
and not what it for we are get at anchor under Higginhead
Sept 18th been a cloudy day with a strong breeze and still have
our boats have been getting wood and we took our
anchor up this afternoon it blowing so and are going out of
Bay again it Saturday night which brings to memory of those
at home which will not be long now before we have
our friends which I hope we may have good men from home
which could wait the hour I am not feeling very well the next will
be quite well Sept 19th been quite a pleasant day what
I hope that it cold and we have got clean safely of the

land now coming in plain to the sight whole yard in
hopes of getting a few before we have to leave since last night
we found bright shades our boats lowered but as we all slept
yet as it was so late and coming bad weather we are all quite well
Sept 20 It rained and blowed a gale all day and is yet blowing
on and we shall not be able to see these whales again I am
not very well the rest are all quite well Sept 21 we are still
trying to wind up for the gale to be over this afternoon it is moderate
at little but the wind is a head the same is our luck we are all
well Sept 22 It blowed a gale all day there has been a pair
of whales in sight and could not get to them toward the sea
twice but it was too hard luck we are all quite well
Sept 23 we are drifting with a gale of wind yet it looks
a long time and we do not see any prospects of any better
weather yet with a head and here we are low in oil
we may know not what will be we trust to one that
does all things right and feel very thankful we are all fine
well Sept 24 The wind has not blowed quite so hard and
it is quite clear we raised two ships this morn one ran
to us and spoke as the Capt came on board it was the Eliza F.
in the evening the Capt his wife and child and a young lady the
they time with the crew on board of us and spent the evening

I was quite glad to see them for all they was strangers to me we
ours one whole this afternoon all three ships had boats down
out of Bora we are all quite well Sept 25 It been quite
a good day sun & whales round this morning did not get any
this afternoon it was to suggest the other ship over to us it
was the Ladoaga Capt Williams did not join the other ship
I might have to go there and spend the day but I have not
set up but a little today I have felt quite sick this past one
day quite well it Saturday night wish would pass in at
one Sept 26 It been a strong breeze all day and quite
warm it getting quite bad weather we have not seen a ship
any thing else today I am feeling rather better and very thank-
ful for it it is our Sabbath but no meeting to go to we are
quite well my darling baby is nursing but he is well and
as a little boy Sept 27 It been quite a strong breeze
a ship in sight this afternoon it sun down and spoke
it was the Raindeer Capt Ashley he came on board
I took tea with us he sent me some preserves and
some new medicine which I hope will do me good
a visit one whole our boats went for his sick
to get it hand luck we are sailing for the Strait
which our season is up and we with such hard
to we are all quite well it getting rather bad weather

Sept 28 we had quite a gale of wind this forenoon
and now it all most a calm and wind a head we
saw several whales this forenoon one of our boats went the Mack
and struck him with two Prows both came out and
lost him this is the fifth one which would send us
nearly 1000 bbls and we have not got one head but
one ship in sight we are all quite well low in Spirit

Sept 29. It been quite a pleasant day with a good breeze of wind
which we are fast approaching the Strait to leave the Sea raised
two whales this afternoon lowered the boats did not get
any it seem to back such back for us all though it might have
been worse we have all been spared and with quite good health
which we need to be thankful for, Sept 30. we have had
a good breeze but cloudy all day we raised the land early
this afternoon and we are not but a short distance from
it we are going through the Strait to night so the Capt
will have to be on deck nearly all night. I hope we will
safe it such a bad place especially night to pass it. I know
is one that will protect us we leave to his care we are
quite well Oct 1. It been a very pleasant day the land has been
in sight all day and I got up very early to see it there is three
in sight all trying to get out of the Strait as we are we are
a herd of them all we saw 4 whales lowered our boats

the did not get by his usual hard luck yet the wind
blew up so we must make our way out in hopes
of having good weather to the Islands we will do our best
if nothing happens to us we are all quite well
Oct 2 We have had a quite a strong breeze but wind
head so we have had to carry sail. Considerable
have had to lay in bed not it got blowing on then
see plenty whales in sight all day all quite well
Saturday night with a strong breeze Oct 3 The gale
lasted a few hours and the wind changed and was
in for us and we have had all sail out and gone
to a rapid rate all day I know not how the ship
ried in the Islands there is not one in sight we are
going at 9 knots per hour that is pretty fast all
the well but rather low spirited from anticipation
the receipt of our letters we know not the
news what they may be # Oct 4 This day gale from
the N. all well distance run 204 miles
Oct 5 This day moderate ship riding
Bad wind # distance run 220 miles
Oct 6 This day head wind same
storm Oct 7 This day gale A good distance
run 228 miles

Oct. 8. This day gale wind & S
heavy sea distance Run 182 miles
Oct 9. This day gale A gale wind for
distance Run 212 miles Oct 10. This
day snow moderate ship does not Bole
so Bole distance Run 136 miles Oct 11
this day quite good weather with A
fan wind distance Run 180 miles
since I last wrote which I have not been able to
we had such bad weather on passage from we
arrived here the 22 of Oct. we made one passage in
21 days for coal to land the best one that we have
made yet we layed 3 days within 10 miles of land
we have layed here there is 14 ships in which 7 of the
sailers belong to. all got rather poor provisions
and can not lay long so I am not able to go there
my husband has got more vegetables than he
the sailors too so the Room is out of sight which
it rather lonely in a strange place but not alone
there is several ladies from home come again, to her
with one which will be very pleasant too 16 miles

trip sailed so they are going and we are going on
health which is a blessing. It is splendid weather now
not 12 but 13 and very lovely Nov 13. Galt's ship
noted this sailed and the Yehoonah has arrived
and knows better for me which makes me low in
health besides so because we are quite well Nov 14
but it sounds pleasant to hear the church bells
and see all going but not going quite yet. I am
not very well makes me homesick
have got a very good boarding place and think
I'll get along nicely if I have my health and my
husband lives to return again. I will be thankful
if I could come to dry but know better
I have neglected writing for a long time so I will
write a few particulars and close for this year. I
have spent a year in Hilo in the time I have
visited Honolulu and also the largest volcano
in the world which is Keilua and other small
places which has been very pleasant to me
and my health has improved so much I have
enjoyed it very much and we have had quite
a variety of Ladies which we have passed
the time very pleasantly until the last of the

time arrived for the Ship to arrive which was
good news for me with others but one of our
company had to receive the sad intelligence
with others at home, so we have each had to
leave one after another until we have left only
quite devoted only Capt Whelan wife and child
to stay here during the Ship's absence arrived at
Hilo the 24 of Oct 1884 with all well, which we
took her anchor and Bill Adair, to Hilo the 7th
of Nov and also Capt Blackman accompanied us. we
went in to Hilo and got our potatoes and
at Honolulu a Nov 12 which we had a very long passage
down and I was quite sick we went on shore Saturday
morning and stayed at Mr Wood with Capt & Mrs Weeks. and
Sunday Nov 14 we set sail again for New Zealand and Port
we saw three Baryas and spoke two but did not
a spout of a whale we arrived to Whitiwhiti Saturday
Dec 17, then we got a fine receipt of fowls and other
necessaries the Ship then took and Baryas to be on
the first day and the next day the Baryas to be
got all we wanted and staid the next day and

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we went on board of the Kaizen and had a nice
night they then left us they was all bound here
we made me feel rather lonely we went in and
not see a while and off at French Rocks we spoke
the Wm Johnson and Capt. Child came on board and
told us he had taken 1800 sperm put his back at
ours we went on board of the ship next day and we left
here and along arrived at New Zealand Thursday
Jan 11 I went on shore and stayed one night while
he was smoking for rats and we done our work
and lost 5000 sperm here and came out Jan 18 as we
must buy long we came back at the Rock here we
spoke the ^{Jan 24} Bell Sea Breeze the Capt. came and took
breakfast with us he had just taken a 80th sperm
hale so we cruised out Jan 24 we missed one whale
early in the forenoon in a short time we saw another
in boats went for them at 10 o'clock they was fast
11 o'clock he was alongside and commenced cutting
study Jan 28 commenced boiling and to day is our
bath Jan 29 and all day busy boiling and getting the
oil we think it will make us 1000 lbs it was an agreeable
meat sight to me we all feel very thankful for it
we have not had much bad weather yet say this luck
it us to get a few more we had a gale of wind came
on here it is the week end they have just showed

down the oil which onuke is only 20 lbs. thinkful
for this one soon saw. Hope I had we stopped only
one hour we got only 14 chicken and a few Rats at
night saw Chase I had it could not catch it
those days after we made. Plennit I had him we
got plenty Hop and Coconuts and 4 more chicken
and left at night and we proceeded on to Guam
we arrived there the 10 of March have only seen the
spout of the whale we got here we found 4 ships at
anchor and four or 5 out side we went on shore
on Saturday morning it blowed so we could not get
out until Tuesday our American lady and we saw
Guam in its whole beauty got our street paper to see
and got out safe again we had a long passage to
the Sea and then by the yellow Sea and did not see any
any looked like whales we came in the Japanese
Sea the 10 of April on the 12 we spoke the first ship
the Washington Capt. Burdington came on board of us
the 13 we spoke the ship Oregon. Whalon the Capt. came
to see us the 14 we saw one right whale but did
not get in when night came the 15 saw whales the 16 we
spoke the ship Florida Capt. ^{W. wife} Williams we saw chase

all day after the wild whales and at 4 o'clock we went
on board of the Florida and took ten but a nice
good 17 we saw a plenty of whales but did not
one get near one to wild 17 whales all gone
no one when 18 no whales. 19 no whales one the
first puffblow Junk. 20 & 21 saw no whales 22
saw no whales only in the morning lowered but
did not have a chance to strike nor not one
ship yet in the Gen as we run off. 23 we spoke the
ship Rousseau Capt Green he came and spent the eve with
us and talked whaling after their wild ones 24 we spoke
with Harvost Capt Cherry wife. and at night spoke
the Omeyra a day not one got a whale yet. 25 & 26
no whales blowing a gale and foggy and they bound to
the westward 27 Foggy this day 28 It been a
clear day not seen a whale or sail to day we
are all quite well 29 quite a clear but calm day
not seen any whales made the land to night. 30
one quite near the land in a calm seen any
quantity of Junks this forenoon the Mate went to one
and got a mess of fresh fish which was nice not
any whales to day we are all quite well May 1st
a pleasant day we saw one whale but could not

get him we are all quite well but my response to go
a whale may I have not seen any whales all quite
well 3rd this morning we spoke the Adeline Gibbs and
Capt. Nottingham came on board and no whales yet - all
quite well 4th It blowed strong & sailed in sight no
whales 5th Four ships in sight and just at night we
saw whales lowered ^{then} four, had one missed which
was hard but there is a plenty around so here in hope
we will get one 6th Four boats went early plenty whales
4th mate was fast his line burst but lost him all was
lost, out all day saw whales, so inlets to night with one
yet which is hard luck 7th It been foggy most all
we have seen and heard whales spout and our boats
have been far there with no success yet six ships in
sight no one a whale yet it seems rather hard time
we are all in quite good health and would be in
spirits if we was getting whales there are in sight yet
8th We have had a strong breeze and a number of whales
in sight we saw a ship and bark strike one but lost
but there are one got a whale yet now 8 ships in
to night we spoke the Bark Favorite and Capt. Smith
came on board will seem to think it's hard luck

1st This morning no whales to be seen the ship floated over down
and spoke as the Capt came on board and this afternoon
saw two whales so one whaling and so one can tell who
try to go for them so we cannot tell what will be our luck
is bad so far with the rest we are all quite well 10th
It been calm all day and we do not see but two ships
in sight and no whales 11th It been calm and we do not
see any whales the land is close by and plain in sight
the Bark in sight also 12th It been very calm all day
now just at dark we have seen one bright whale but
but we cannot go for him it's Saturday night and all night
13th Sunday morn a thick fog whales been around
the ship all night now we cannot see any this afternoon
fog lifted and we lowered of humpback but did
not fast so ends to day 14th It blowed a gale all day
and thick fog we have had to keep away from the land
one of our boatsteers was sick last night better to day
we are quite well 15th It been a clear day this morn our
to lowered for humpbacks again as nothing else in
it but but they succeeded in killing one got it on
side at noon and this afternoon we cut him in
feel thankful for a little in hopes soon to get some

we are going in to Broughton Bay to get water we are
close in to the land snow and hope here to get a good
cut of oil we are all quite well 14th we have not seen
any thing and we are going out of the Bay its been a thin
day and they are cutting up our little whale we are all go-
ing well 17th its been a very pleasant day and ~~that~~ afternoon
we commenced boiling and to night there is four ships
in sight and no whales Capt Manchester of Ship Master
ran down to us and came on board we caused a
great excitement in these land times every ship we
contacted each other we are all quite well 18th the 18th
pleasant day no whales to be seen only 5 ships in sight this
morn Capt Burlington of Ship Washington ran to us and he
came on board and took dinner brought some sweet
potatoes and to night there is 7 ships in sight we
finished boiling it much as 23 lbs very thankful for a
and hope ~~to~~ get more 19th we have had a very pleas-
ant day only 4 ships in sight we have been going North all day
this afternoon one of the ships hauled back and lowered the
boats and killed a humpback our boats lowered but
not yet fast we went for our boat so we spoke the ship
the James Capt Smith the Capt went on board its an
old ship and we are all quite well 20th its Sunday and we
had a thick fog and could not see a ship anyth so its
to give one the to think of home we would like to see all
such hard times here we have got to see it out if we live

We are all quite well 21st It's been a foggy day, it lifted long
enough so we saw one right whale and could not go for
him our luck but we are all well and hoping we will soon
see some more and get some 22^d This forenoon it blowed a
gale of wind and this afternoon we saw whales and it's
such a calm we could not begin to get up to them it
luck again for us we are all quite well so we must not
complain one ship in sight 23^d It's been a cloudy day
we have not seen any whales to day the ship we saw ran
down to us they was boating Capt Wells spoke us and came
on board he had picked up a dead whale had not
seen a live one yet the ship merrings and to night it's
one in a thick fog any one is down and discouraged
out know when to go and I feel as if I should fly with
a hundred luck we are all quite well 24th It's been a calm
and foggy day and we have not seen any thing to day we are
all quite well 25th Another foggy day so I have not been
deck me feel as this is flying it cannot be helped so
for our healths we must be content. 26th We have had
a strong breeze with a clear day for once but have not
seen any whales to night the great French Clipper ship Jason
down and spoke us and the Capt came on board of

as he has not got any thing yet nor see any whales either he says
it looks dark we began to feel as it looked dark we knew
all for haps it will come right yet 27th Its been a very ple-
-ant day and my woman but coming a calum have not see
and object on the water of my kind how anxious we are
all looking it almost seems hard. we are blessed with fine
good healths so we must try not to complain 28th we have a
strong breeze have not seen any thing to day we are only
well 29th Its yet blowing on a clipper ship passed us the
morn and to day I apprehend frosts so we are having a gale
of wind and we are not far from the land that is one
that is able to protect us 30th Its blowing on yet and
saying how long soon in a gale we passed one frigate
to almost see they are to be pitied. 31th the last day of
May and to night we are in Langer Shirts land all are
but we are going in to the land to get water its better water
and I am very thankful we have not had such a day
since we have been in this sea we are all good
well June 1st we have been getting nearer the land all of
and to night we are close in its so late we shall wait a
morning June 2^d This morning is pleasant and a Japanese
came on board of us and anchored us in Hakodadi in
afternoon we went on shore to see the wonderful city in
very pleasant time and June 3^d we went on shore which

hurry but not know they worked all day. the whole
cabin was filled with junk going and coming which
right such queer things they are. June 4th to day we are invited
to Capt. Fletcher we had a very pleasant visit I had a
nice ride and saw much of the city and got all my
things so I should not go on shore as my library is up front
had Capt & Mrs Fletcher to visit me on board of the ship
and another calls through the day June 6th This morn very
only we got under way with all our men safe and no trouble
I got a good breeze the ship South Boston has got out of
sight as we feel thankful to get started again. June 7th is strong
again making in sight to land a calm to night the Russian
ark is in sight June 8th This morn the ship South Boston very
nile near us and this after noon we have a head wind and
land so Capt & Mrs Beardsdoff came on board of us and
I had a nice game so that ends to day we are all quite
excepting our third mate he has been quite sick since
left port we are in hopes him to be better June 9th There
me in a fog and head wind and do not get along at
the ship is with in hale of us we are feeling very nervous
a getting along some when we can see whales but we have
not for wind and weather June 10th It's our Sabbath and

and its a thick fog and no wind since & so the ship is
rolling about and all quiet it seems quite comiser
the other ship is in sight they seem some company all in
a gineing so b. hope we may be blessed with good weather
this we can get along fine ^{14th} we have had a pleasant day for
once more which I am very thankful for I have washed and
got my clothes dry we have seen and covered for a lampblack
but did not get him the South Boston has been close by us
day, and we are all quite well to day June 12 one more
pleasant day but not much wind we have not seen any
thing to day to go for the ship is close by us we are so anxious
to get along on the ground to get some whales. Alex has just
whole a few times to end the day we are all quite well June
we have had a cloudy day with no wind nothing in sight June
another foggy day and dead wind June 15 another foggy day
and wind be heard when we are in such hurry to get along
we are all quite well June 16 again its been clear of fog but cold
and what wind we have is far once more have not seen
any thing to night it is very pleasant and prospects of a fine
day if we should live to see another day the weather is so che
aber we know not what it will be if we only could see some
it would be encouraging here half of June is passed the Capt is a
long enough in spirits and the rest are to be we are all blessed with
quite good health so we must not complain its another Saturday
June 17 we have had a fair wind but foggy again to
so we have not seen anything June 18 fair wind but fog
again and sailing to night we are all quite well

June 19th Another foggy day and we are using a land course wait-
ing to get through the passage in to the Okhotsk Sea. I am in
hopes we will get through soon for time is fast passing June
20th Another foggy day. to night its lifted a little but not
enough to get through we are so anxious to get along, such
on luck so fine I think it will not be so always for us.
1st We have had a gale of wind with rain and cold and
it blowing our no prospects of getting in the Sea 22^d Its been
severe gale but to night its abating a little which we
are very thankful we are all quite well 23^d Its been trying to
get better all day and there has been bright whales in sight
I closed to day we lowered our boats twice but they could
not stand it nor could do nothing so there has been no gain-
ing yet. We have just spoke for the gunnery whaler 2.
into as the Le Boncyk we desire we can keep the ship
to them and get some of them yet. Late day night and the good
Robur is rolling about at a great rate. 24th On Sabbath this
day we saw 2 whales it shot down a thick fog and to night
and then say they could see an arch way where the ship comes
up its very thick so here we are lying off and on the land
is a chance to go in to the Sea we are all quite well June
another thick foggy day the Sea has shined all day but

in dense fog we are finding it impossible to get along at all
nor see when to go to find these whales we have seen this
two days past. I think it will not be so long we are all quite
well - June 24 It has been a thick fog with rain and very cold I know
not what will become of us here we are floating with wind and
weather we feel thankful we are all quite well but if it continues
this weather I think all will get sick June 27 Another foggy day
to night it lighted a little so we can see a little better but
my boat got June 28 another foggy day no prospects of any
better weather and we cannot begin to get in the Gulf
we are all quite well June 29 It has been a little lighter of
fog to day but cannot see any land yet we are in
hopes to see the land but have got to wait as we have
done this month past June 30 It has been the clearest day
we have had since we left Japan the second night
called the Capt at 3 o'clock this morning and land in our
for a blessing we got the land and have passed the
Point with a fair wind we are sailing fast in the
the Arctic Sea we have had eight flocks in sight
day to night we have a rain for a variety we all feel
very thankful we can get along where we want to go wh
it is Saturday night and we are quite well. I am now the
how you are on if living bravely about for the South
the worse weather here the clouds are covered with snow
our boys are nearly frozen it very cold now July 1st we
had a strong and fair wind all day and we have go
a long distance we all feel very thankful for it for
it is our Sabbath and we are carrying all sail its very

atained not all day July 2 It's been a cloudy but quite
clear day this afternoon we lowered for a Greenland whale
but did not get him it's been most a cluster to day we are
hopes soon to see bright whales and be getting some as the
season is fast passing and we with the rest taken nothing yet
we are all quite well July 3d Here we are in the Good Ship
Romm hunting in the Arctic Sea with not a ship on whale
in sight It's been foggy all day to night it's clearer than it
was on our this season with prospects of a pleasant Fourth
we have made all the preparations we could killed 2 small
and one large pig so we are to have roast pig all around
tomorrow but the vegetables we should have to wait until
arrive at home if we live so long, the Capt had his
stomach out which I liked to forget so if we are all
well with good healths we will try and have a jolly
the almost equal to going to Newfoundland we wish we
could know what was doing at home dear as we are in
d health July 4th It's been another foggy day and besides our
the has passed rather unpleasant for myself it was miserable
a severe cold and had the tooth ache all day & being
nothing the rest was very quiet I hardly heard a sound
except for the day nothing in sight for the day we all was

Thinking of how the rest are all quite well July 6th You have
had an uncommon pleasant day the Sun broke clear thro' our
clouds it's been clear all day so I have washed and got my clothes
dry once more and it's a curiosity to us to have such a day
but we have not seen any thing but a few birds to day we do
so much desire to get some whales I hope we will soon
we are all quite well July 6th This morning we saw a sail
for our shore and besides it another distant ship to the
the Bark Paulina is still in sight and she is so near the
Bark is come on board of us and took tea a week ago he took
two whales here and saw some yesterday so I hope soon we will
get some just before dark two old Carcasses passed in the
this morn. a sick profane come one board from the ship
joining every the Jason we hope it will be our turn to
to get done we are all quite well July 7th we have seen 5 whales
to day one bunch went at 10 o'clock this morn but none without
any we have been shelling them all day now it's a calm and
we cannot begin to shell up with them it's been a quite clear day
the Bark is not far off the shore and get on so we still hope
soon to get one of these big fellows it's Saturday night and I
Capt can hardly speak loud with a cold he has been to the
Mustard band all day went with out his dinner such is what
for 3 o'clock in the morn until 10 or 11 at night if not all
so we are passing away July 8th to our Sabbath day with a sh-
ed day but no whales in sight to day saw the Bark this m-
to night we saw two more carcasses it all we have seen to day
and all quite well we are very anxious to see Columbus
get some

July 4th we have had a splendid day and I have taken
and got my clothes dry we have not seen a whale to day its so
calm we are unceasingly desiring to get some we are all quite
July 10th we have seen whales all day this fore noon the boats
ours down and raised, one and come aboard this afternoon
the Capt said he was going himself to the four boats went
and was gone all the afternoon and missed our one and came
back to the ship at 6 o'clock the Capt came and told me he was
out for a while he went down in an hour he was back with
a small whale its 6 o'clock and they are singing and cutting
in a short now we have got this we will be busy for some
time what makes times lively when we get them it is in July
its been some foggy to day and we have not seen a whale
here they all go we cannot tell to night the Bark Pacific left
about our down to us which we got considerable news
went on board they have taken 400 and also the Rebecca
and they saw the South Boston take a whale to day and also
Hollen knows there is a number of ship here and a few
also now good luck to the British we could have been
so we go all quite well but rather low again July 12th
have had a gale of wind to day and not seen any whales
South Boston ran down and spoke us and the

Capt went on board they have taken two small whales in our
and we are, our ^{luck} we have not boiled one whale yet
in hopes to get another when they go to we are not told I think
in sight and they do not see any as we go hoping to see July
13th not seen anything to day July 16th it another pleasant day and
this afternoon we commenced boiling but do not see anything
nor any ships in sight it's Saturday night and we are quite ^{se}
excepting one of our boats crew is not very well July 15th
it's been on salt water and this morning we finished boiling and
we are quite close to the land and the boys threw the lines
on board and brought in two very large cod fish from the
all got lines and such a quantity I never saw it was a
splendid sight for Alex and me to see I wished my tie
you all could see this and it was a variety to us we have
kind high so most any day brings a change if nothing but
fog July 16th we have not seen anything but the land on
our ship in sight to night the Dark Helen now run down
and spoken us and the Capt came on board of us and too
two and our Capt went back with him got one cod Alex &
orange and watermelon and some fresh Rais and a
piece of fresh pork which was nice we are close in
the land yet and do not see any whales July 17th we lost
of the Dark and another ship in sight not any one seeing
whales they came down to us it was the Lanthier Boston after the
went on board and stayed a few hours with Mrs Randal
it seems pleasant to see a lady on board and while the is

here and see is the first one I have seen yet so we can do so
see whales on little one stowed us down to 600 only better than
nothing July 18th It's been blowing a gale of wind all day with a
thick fog so we are trying to do the best we can to get out of the
Gale all quite well July 19th It's yet blowing a gale of wind and
a thick fog we cannot see a ship August July 20th It's another
thick foggy day and cannot see any distance at all the tide
is fast setting up the North East Gulf we desire to see it clear
once more we are all quite well July 21st It's Saturday night
again which brings our thoughts homeward It's been foggy all day
night it's cleared a beautifully and seems as if we could live
in we are all quite well our boy has just told me the Land
is close to us could see it very plain if it could be seen
glazed shores it would seem different - July 22nd It's been over
blatant and a most splendid day I never saw we have seen
Land all day the distance of 70 miles but not a spot
a ship to be seen only a few birds it's been very quiet and my
night's have been at home with those. Let this desiring I may
to see them all this, but we know not the change we are able
to well - July 23rd It's been another pleasant day with a good
eye and have not see a spot nor a ship yet how strange
time washed and they have stowed down the little

lot of oil we got last, which I hope it will not be long before
we get some more all begin to come long faced thinking we
are not a going to get much, the darkest part of night is just
before day so I hope we get if we only have our fires and
heathes spread as is what helps us with hard luck July 24th
It been Fogggy most all day to night it cleared long enough to give
us to see one ship at a distance but know whales yet to be seen
that is what we want to see we are all quite well July 25th It been
another pleasant day and we have not seen a whale to day one ship
in sight at a distance we are very anxious to see whales this fine
weather we are all quite well July 26th It been another pleasant
day we have not seen any whales yet this afternoon we
saw a school of Hilters all about went and we only got one
for past time they are cutting him in water all quite well
July 27th It been calm and Fog most all day and we have
not seen whales to day they boiled the little one they killed yesterday
it made 6 lbs every 6 lbs counts one we are all quite well but
very anxious to see and get some whales a time is passing
the season July 28th It been a cloudy day with some Fog we
raised the Land early this on our end we are not fine yet
seen any whales yet It was rather dry night and we are all
well July 29th It been another cloudy and Fogggy day and we are
far off the Land It was Sabbath and this afternoon our boats
lowered twice for a humpback but we not get him the
been any quantity of fishback so we are in hopes the whales are
far off now we see the Land all covered with snow which

The others cold we are all quite well so passers this day
I begin to think of home as time draws near for us to leave
the Lee Bar hoping I can have good news but I know
not what will be for me with others July 30th It's been a foggy
and rainy day and we have seen a few Fairbanks nothing else
we begin to be rather low spirited still hoping yet to see whales
and get some soon we are all quite well July 31 This day end
this month It's been foggy and rainy all day not seen any
whales yet on any ship which looks rather discouraging to all
but we all have quite good health so we must not com-
plain yet Aug 1st It's been a foggy and rainy day and the
apt has been sick with a cold which is rather uncommon for
in I hope he will soon get over the rest of us are quite well Aug
2nd It's was a foggy morning this afternoon it cleared so we saw
a Island for the first time but we do not see any whales yet
are when we we saw so only the first Lenson was not one
be seen we are going out now we are all quite well Aug 3rd
been a foggy day with no wind a calm and cannot see any
whales yet what times for us we are all quite well Aug 4th It's been
other foggy day nothing to be seen all begin to look low spirited
cannot think but we may get some oil more than we have got
today night and only a few days before I guess will be passed
I left my home, hard luck has attended all the way

but our lives are spared and with quite good healths most of the
time we are thankful for that all quite well to night. Aug 5th It has
quite clear with a strong breeze to our harbor, the whale catch-
ed the night told him the main de galle must cross trees head
fallen down so of course they had to get that down our
deck which took them all of the fore noon and after dinner
they raised a dead whale and we ran to him and took
it long side which took the after noon so we have pass-
ed this day to be submerged with the rest we are all quite
well Aug 6th we have had a cloudy smoky day we are
boiling the whale we got and it makes us a rather dirty
mess I wish you all at home could look on it and
see how we live. this is one life we have not seen any
whales to day we want to very much we are all quite well
Aug 7th It has been another foggy day and we have not been
able to see any whales yet it seems most to be that we are all
quite well Aug 8th It blowed most a gale of wind all
day and a thick fog we have not had any mail on
to day such bad weather it almost makes one feel as
how spirited time is so fast flying with this London or
not getting oil we are all quite well Aug 9th It has been
a thick fog and rainy with a strong breeze all day we
see any thing we are all quite well Aug 10th Another
foggy and rainy day but a little more prospects of it
once more a clear day it is so changeable in an hour
less time it might be a thick fog we all most long
clear weather again and more we are all quite

Aug 11th It's been foggy but this afternoon it's cleared away
and we can see a short distance and some prospects
of another clear day being and we are all quite well with
the exception of one the Kanakas for whom he has been
sick ever since we left New Zealand Aug 12th It's our
substitute with a pleasant day but we have been rather sad
the Kanaka for whom he has been growing worse and to singlet
he has broken his lust this is a sad scene at sea among
friends and home they are now laying him out as they do
at sea for a fellow we are opened a little longer we
now not who may meet the poor Poline we may be
repaired all of us Aug 13th It's been a foggy and raining day
is now 12 o'clock we have too got the ship steady but
collies half mast and the Capt read the Funeral Service
in his book and we committed the poor body of the
Kanaka boy to the deep such a solemn scene became
all forgot I do desire to be buried on the land with
rest of my friends so we are passing away all the rest
our crew is in health Aug 14th It's been a rather calm
foggy day now whales to be seen on ship we are so
aware of seeing some more for him is fast passing we
all quite well Aug 15th It's been another foggy and



Colder day we had nearly all the rigging of the main mast
^{down} and nearly got it up again and seen every whale yet
I hope soon we may see some and the fog may be gone
for we can not see a ship length hauly so we cannot see
if there was any thing to see we are all quite well
Aug 16th Another foggy day and rainy and we have not
seen any thing looks like whales yet but we are all in
good health so I suppose we might be content - Aug
17th we have had quite a clear day and this day has
brought another change ^{or scene} on board ship. Some they have
been to work aloft setting the remainder of the Rigging up
at half past 6 o'clock this afternoon suddenly a deck was on
deck a Penaker body went to main yard to let down the
last tackle. he fell on the main hatch and killed him
instantly he we have a scene to show how death may come
and how much need there is of being also ready he is
now shrouded in canvas to be placed in the deep
two in one gook. it leaves a vacuum in our little crew
since then they have raised whales and our boats
gone for them may we be blessed with a little luck yet
with our many blessings we receive daily all are feeling
very ~~exciting~~ we are now all in quite good health
Aug 18th It's been a rainy and foggy day with a little clear
by times so we have seen one whale and in the fog we have
heard spouts could not go for them. we buried the
boy last night, how soon and how sad it seems to have a

taken for full health its lungs a solemn feeling to all
it shows how uncertain our life is I do desire and all say
to be ready all are in quite good health now Aug 19th
to our Lubbock and its been a thick fog all day its makes
me feel rather homesick and low in spirits all of the
new appears so low its is quiet on deck not a sound
only when we hear ship not a ship to be seen and its
an hour since we saw one, 5 days more will pass &
since we left our native shore with the difficult seas
have seen and then hard luck of getting oil and with the
prospects which are uncertain if we live it brings a sigh
to me, I get full as its well I am here with my dear household
feel so much, we have been spared with our little one which is
blessing and there may be a choice blessing for us yet; Aug 20th
is morning was foggy but this afternoon it cleared so we
saw whales and lowered but did not get any and we raised
ship she came down to us it was the Helen Snow Capt. Frye
and on board of us and took two but he had not seen
any ship since we saw him last he only took one
whale we think we can get some whales here if
the weather we are all quite well Aug 21st its
quite clear day our boats went out very early this morn

before 6 o'clock this morning for fast to a tubule and lost
him and they have been going most all day and not a
a whale yet to night we saw the Banks Bant fast to
its blowing on any fast and suggest a prospect of a g
of wind now the fog has gone so it is every day brings
charges we have seen ten whales and they seem to be at
house so I am in hopes we can get a share yet - the B
has lost them so they are no better off than we are to day
again is an smoke, Aug 22^d It blowed a gale most all day
morning we saw 5 whales we could not lower for them and
saw another ship at noon she ran down and spoke us it
ship Bancroft Capt. Harding he has just come got nothing n
we are three of us here I hope we can get some of this whales
we are all quite well Aug 23^d The gale has abated and it's
foggy most all day once and while stopped so we have see
arrival of two more ships but no whales to be seen to day
are all quite well and hope soon to get some of these w.
Aug 24th It's been a rather foggy day with the exception of a little
at a time this afternoon the Bank Commillion ran down and sp
Capt. Printess came on board and took tea with them is four
here now Aug 25th It's been quite a clear day and we have seen
seven of whales and our bant have been for them with no
yet with 6 ships in sight we are in hopes soon to get a
Aug 26th Again we have had a clear but cloudy day we saw
this morn but soon this afternoon the Caroline killed one
I think had made for them the Bank Commillion took our
side and the rest of the eight ship with the Roman
known, hand made again

Aug 27th Again we have had a splendid day and a
 plenty of whales and only one got by the Ship Geo & Susan we came
 were striking one duck back for us to night. then came
 Blue R. Bishop Ship down the Capt went along side it -
 as the Rapid Capt Drew from Thanton Bay he brings
 and news for them so it seem us if we were not alone
 - we are all in quite good healths so I dont expect we
 and ought to complain Aug 28th been another clear day and
 a raised whales very early this morn our boats went down
 a few minutes was fast we went on deck saw then
 like the whale a very large one to be dead a duck if
 it is not hand back in whaling I dont know saw a few
 more but have not got any the Rapid killed a Fairback and
 it to night the Ship Geo & Susan saw down and spoke
 she is brily got two whales the Capt is now on board of her
 - we are all quite well it has come in thick and foggy again
 - know not what another day may be only 2 Ships in sight to
 give we are not far from the Coast Aug 29th We did not see
 y whale all the Forenoon and only 2 Ship in sight this after
 noon a Bark it strange raised whales and we saw one and
 a boat lowered for him but did not get him the Barks boat
 back one and we saw him take the line and was gone
 that is the luck here it begins to look thick we have had a
 clear for three days now we must have fog after it we are
 in spirits no oil yet

Aug 30th It has been a thick fog all day we heard some
hollow for one of the ship this forenoon is all we have
seen with 9 Fairbank came close to the ship so we are
all quite well Aug 31st It blowed and a heavy swell on in the
all rain all day so we have only seen one whale this morn
also arrival of another ship after commencing sailing she
down to us it was the Rebecca Lins Capt & Mrs Hawes came on
board of us and we had a nice game which was very pleasant
in these parts to meet first friend the one to ship in sight we
all quite well Sept 1st It has been quite clear and good weather
the ship with our selves than been back and forth and not
saw a whale to night we got a breeze and went further
here we see for the first one ship cutting a whale it makes us
feel sad we suppose it is Capt Hawes be just his luck as
he has now the most of any its future day night and
its very bitter day two goes ago to day Lewis in the same spot of wa
feeling nearly as low in spirits as now I begin to think there is a
luck for us at all we have our lives spared us a bitter lo
in which we are very thankful for and health to take care
our little one, which I desire he may do a great deal of
hence we now have the feelings of other parents Sept 2^d It was ^{deaf} this
and we saw whales our boats lowered twice it blowed so strong
no when near the whales at noon we spoke the ^{ship} for the first
on such a good that we wish the rest of the ship had to hear the

his hand that we have been here so long and now it is full of wind
which makes it look rather greeny at present for we know not what
may be we are all quite well now Sept-3^d the Gale is not over
land not much prospect of clear weather yet this is 5 ships in
sight so we are not alone we shall be glad when it is over
we are all quite well Sept-4th It was clear this morn but a very heavy
fog on which makes the ship roll badly we saw one whale
and and missed him hard luck again and we saw the ship
did take one and cut it in so it goes to night it commenced
raining and looks bad so we can not tell how we or when
my land we are all quite well Sept-5th we have had a strong
gale with a heavy swell on we have seen 2 whales to day and
one for the but so bad it was no use so this day is passed and
no more sail yet which look dark for us as dinner we can get
little more yet it getting bad weather and don't expect to have much
the night we get down to the land we are all quite well we have
to sight of ships to day and are some ways from the land Sept-6th
been a very remarkable clear day and nearly a calm we
we not see a ship or a whale to day we feel in a hurry
at North as we are out of wood to cook with we are all
it well Sept-7th It has been another clear day and a head wind
we cannot get along as we would like we saw some finbacks
to no whales we are all quite well but rather low spirited Sept-
8th Another splendid clear day it has been calm most all day to night
which has been a help and we have raised 4 ships 91

she is coming down to speak as its Saturday night which are
minds one of home and of my dear friends there which will
not be long now before I hear I do hope good news for that
we need something to cheer us our luck is so hard we are
thankful our lives are spared a little longer and all are
quite well now Sept 9th It has been another very clear day and
a very bitter wind the ship is in sight we have not spoken
her we don't know who it is they are going the same way with
us its been our Labrador its been very quiet all day all of the
time in reaching when they are not tending to the ship we
are all quite well Sept 10th It has been another pleasant but rather
cold day we have not seen any whales yet, and the ship is
in sight, we are desiring a good breeze for we want to get
along when we can see something and also I think we may get
some more oil for now in 4 weeks if we live we shall be
obliged to leave this country we are all quite well Sept
11th It has been a calm most all day but to night the wind
breezes up a little we have not seen a sail on whaler
to day it seems rather discouraging we are all quite well
Sept 12th We have had a strong breeze all day so we
have got along a little but have not seen anything
too dry I am in hopes we shall soon we are all quite well
Sept 13th We have had a strong breeze and cloudy day to night
but once in thick fog we judge we are but about ten

les from the land I wish we was past Bowhead Head we cannot
see whales if there is any it seems as if we was to be bound in
we hope to get our wood and water and get clear for
soon we are all quite well Sept 14th It's been a thick
and a very cold winter storm all day and we are quite
in the land I do desire we can see the land some but no
specters yet or of seeing anything that look like whales its
ought to make one all most despair of thinking we shall have
thing to live on we cannot go home yet it is sure it brings a
yet we are all quite well Sept 15th It's been foggy evenly
day its lighted once or twice so we could see the land
short time we have not seen any whales yet Sept 16th
Blow a gale of wind all day and we have had
my sail to keep up to the land it clear as we see
land plain but no whales on ships yet Sept 17th
been clear all day with a calm and we are quite
in the land we was in hopes to get in the Bay before night
are taking up the chains to attach to the anchor I wish
was to be dropped in Bussard Bay it cannot get on
~~it have been and get some word it have pleasant to look~~
~~the land again we are all quite well~~ Sept 18th It's a heavy
and calm and we do not get along at all getting
the Bay I hope soon to be in all quite well Sept
to this evening two ships come out of the Bay and Capt
Thomson of Ship L.C. Richmond come down and spoke us he

did not bring my gun and nets only a few ships have got a
fire I don't know what we all are to do he told us the other
ship was the James, and we have beat all day and shall not
be able to get in to the Bay another ship passed us to night go
out we are all quite well, Sept 20th we have at last got a
breeze and got in to the Bay and anchored under Janet then
our boats have been ashore for wood it looked pleasant to see
the land there is no snow but it which hardly ever works
to be without as it looks good the cooper is getting the casks
ready for water and we shall soon be ready to leave if we do
not see any whales we are all quite well Sept 21st Two of our
boats have been and got 100 bbls of water and the other two have
got the wood and the Capt took his boat and took Wiley and
myself ashore we had a nice walk to the grove and all
picked berries which was a treat to us. when we got back
one of the boats that belong to the ship Esquimaux which has
been here all the season and has 1100 bbls come from Ledyard
and says there is plenty whales below there so two of our boats
are going to run mining so I am in hopes we may get a whale
they will have to be gone two days we shall get some more wood
and then we shall try to get as near there as we can. with that
my excursion makes me rather tired the master for the other
ship took tea with us I was in hopes to find some ship
here with a lady's boat which I had not as they have all gone

with all one of our own any foolish fellow for the
was are likely to get him and from the other ship they
two of them so it is trouble here in this desolate loca-
tion Sept 22nd this morning our two boats left early and
at after breakfast we sailed a bowhead pursued the
in boats and went for him saw him four sightings but had
wind so could not get to him whilst they was gone a
lot of Russians for Tom Blair came brought a few turnips
and 5 or six skins so they spent the day in the afternoon
Capt. went a gunning shot two ducks, its yesterday
night one boat has come back to the other ship our boats
are not over its such bad thick weather we have
to took our anchor yet we are all ready to act if
they happens we shall in the morning the Capt. has gone
the other ship a few miles to here for Tom Blair I hope
have got a whale we are very anxious to get one here
want one more if possible Joseph has just told
our two boats are in sight so we shall soon move
at 23 we are at anchor under point I had get our boats or-
dered last night but did not see a whale as such is our
A Solovayton boat come with the with 14 or 15 Russians
it blown almost a gale of wind this is two other ships
to get her to anchor as here is the best place the Russians
night on a wild Goose and some nice beeps and affords
us also they brought some nice turnips and potatoes 95

which is a treat to us its our Sabbath its a very confuse
one so we pass such in this Bay I am hoped we can
get a whale yet Sept 24th The Ship South Boston
and Ship Robin Hood come in last night the wind was
a head and we could not get out of here so myself
Capt went on board of the South Boston and spent the
day with Capt & Mrs Randall & also the other Capt from
the other Ship was there we had a nice visit it seems
to have the company of a Lady, and we also finished putting
belows what cattle oil we had on deck Sept 25th Its a very clear
day so I have washed and the Ships of us have beat out so
going one way some another in hopes to get a whale Sept 26th
we are now on the other side of the Bay under kippers
in a calm I have washed a gun, we have not seen any
thing to day but a few mussel diggers we have browned lower
but no wind could begin to get up with the Sept 27th It be
to blow a gale of wind so we have made out to get out past
Bowhead Head its a delicious time a thick snow storm and
very specially it looks bad here its clear to night the land
covered with snow the boys have shoveled snow of
most all day we shall not be able to go back in the Bay any
so we are in hopes to see some whales and here we are all quiet
we are enjoying most every one here colds the sudden change
of weather Sept 28 Its been a very clear pleasant day but very cold

have not seen any whales only one killer to day we are going out
to the Sea* for now we shall be obliged to leave her if a
days run and to think we cannot get any more oil it seem
will be the poorest season that ever yet has been and
many that are the same as we, if we could get one and
all before we leave her I shall be very glad we are having
winter now, the thoughts of having to come here again and
- season it almost drives one to despair when we get to the
as it will deplete the whole poor Aben feels low enough
for this may be something to cheer him yet, such a life left
tho it has been in very strong breeze and we have not seen not
- ices of a whale how discouraging, there is not even a ship
sight the weather is very cold and look very winterish most
of one is complaining of colds it Saturday night which brings
- yths of those that are in foreign shores, Sept. 30th It is our
- bouth its blowed over a gale of wind all day this forenoon
- raised 3 or 4 whales on boats lowered twice for them
- with no success it blowed so it was impossible to get to
- and this afternoon we have not seen a spout so
- have gone no luck for us, we all feel bad to have
- in no more oil but we shall have to as it is getting such
- a weather here so we leave it we know not what will
- for us yet hope for the best, Oct 1st This noon we raised
- ships and one ran down and spoke us it was the Boston
- teria Capt Foster he came on board and spent the day

as it was just a calm and nothing in sight that look li
whales in the afternoon the other ship came down it was the
Ct. Morgan Capt Hamilton he came on board and took
tea with us which made quite jolly afternoon but no
whales yet we are all quite well Oct 2^d we have steered
South one ship in sight and the we have not seen we saw
whales only this morn and lowered twice this forenoon and
lost sight about 4 o'clock we saw all then a gun close to
ship our boats went Mr Douglass the 4th mate went up and
struck him he seized his fluke and smashed the back
throughed all the boys and the second mate got the in
time to save them all and brought them to the ship and went
a gun in a few minutes he was fast himself and the other
boats got to him and they killed the whale and got him along
side about 3 o'clock got the supper and try have commenced
cutting him in we all feel very much pleased with it Oct
3^d they was up all night and had a nice moonlight and
and got the whale cut in nicely and it been very pleasant
and we are almost shifted out of the Straits and one
ship with us we saw two more whales and lowered for them
but its a calm and could not get to them they was going so
we have commenced boiling and it looks now we might get
it boiled before it gets bad it so uncertain here in a few
hours it might be a gale of wind Oct 4th the ben guizon

very cold day and we are boiling yet got along quite nicely
to night it begins to blow in the ship rolls I don't think
we shall get along but I hope we will get the oil out
thing is covered with snow and plenty of dirt but if
snow it all we think it will make us 13 bbls so that
for some the capt cannot speak loud with such a cold
hope we will not get sick for we are now going to the
ice when we all feel anxious to get the news for home
we no not what will be the news the old cook is sick
with a cold but the rest of us are all quite well Oct 5th 18
a rainy day but the wind has been fair so we have
risen boiling our oil which we are very thankful
at it out and not to have a hard blow or colded
on last night for the ship picked so bad but we shall
have another chance this season as it is the last whale
runs one to day going to the windward fast and no chance
to it so we are bound for the West all quite well
to 6th 18th been quite a pleasant day with a fair wind
we have stowed our oil down which made 182
and 13 gall. not quite so much as we expected it
will be very thankful for this the smoke black
badly the boys have cleaned up which makes me
think of clearing times at home on Easter day night we
are putting in sail and are in hopes of seeing
home we will soon arrive safe at home 19

and get good news for home we would feel joy
if we only had a better season work and could
have one idea that we could go home but I know
we cannot so it brings sadness to me if we have our
lives and healths spared I must not complain
as this is the way for us to get our living we are all
quite well Oct 7th It's our Sabbath and we have had
a very pleasant day with a little breeze and it's fine for our
passage we all went over so we can get through here
is when we have very heavy gales of wind we are all
well Oct 8th Another clear day with not much wind
I think they never saw such weather here the boys have
cleared the bone which we think there will be a 1000
so this will help. I have washed and got my clothes done
and now we want to get along a little faster we are
quite well Oct 9th It's been a cloudy day with no wind
by and what we have had is heavy so we do not get along
very what we want to nothing in sight to day but a few
we are all quite well Oct 10th It's been a rainy day with
but little wind but a heavy swell on we cannot get
along nothing in sight to day we are all quite well
Oct 11th It's been clear and a very little wind so we have not
gone for nothing in sight we are all quite well Oct 12th
It's been a very clear day with a little wind so much we have not

to day but to night to looks if it was a going to be bad and
in the breeze up like a gale of wind we know not what
will be we are all quite well Oct 13th It blowed a gale
and ever since last night it carryed a way the fly gill board
to the wind is fine and we have run at a great rate 228
les the last 24 hours and yet its blowing wind to the South and
as a bell we hope this wind will last a few days we
will get out of bad weather Lat. we are 12 days from
Shant and to day we will pass the meridian we are
anxious to get along we are all quite well Oct 14th Its our
bath which we are to have to this week and we have all
d on going at a rapid rate the weather is fine with a
and breeze we have not seen a ship yet on our way but
a son if we have this breeze our Leeward Lubbock Its been
clear all day and we are not getting along the wind is
and we are all quite well Oct 15th We have had
foggy rainy day and a very bitter wind so we get along
the better than yesterday we are all quite well Oct
16th We have a foggy rainy day to night to is clear
and the wind has come fine and we are going off at the
to of 2 knots per hour we desire it very whole a
ill for we ~~now~~ should get to the Shant with bridge
an all anxious to get along we are all quite well
Oct 17th We have had a fine and good strong breeze so
we are getting along nicely all in hopes to get along

and soon into the bluffs we are all quite well
Oct 18th we had quite severe squall last night
and snowed all day but the wind is fine and we
are going along quite fast its prospects of very fine
weather and we are nearly out of bad weather. Late
the change of air is very ^{pro}cessional we will soon
be in warm weather we are all quite well we have
not seen a ship yet Oct 19th we have had a fair wind all
day to night it blows nearly a gale and we are going along
rapidly but if this breeze lasts us we soon will be at the place
we are all quite well Oct 20th we had a severe blow last night
and this morning but a fine wind so we came a long distance
to night it is almost a calm and very warm such a change in
a few days we have between 88 & 9 hundred miles to go yet to the
Plants its Saturday night I wish we had one better to night its
good news also we are all quite well Oct 21th its a warm pleasant
morning but no wind & consequently we wont move to get along a little
er its Sabbath morning the boys are training their horses and trying to
make them behave look as well as the crew all quiet and
nothing in sight it resembles one of a lonely Sunday at home
when we are looking for ship news, Oct 22nd its been a calm or
calm day and we cannot get along yet we are all well Oct
23rd another warm calm day and we do not get along or
in passing but my slow old begin to want to get along fast

are all quite well Oct 24th It's been a most warm rainy calm
but very little wind we do not get along but very little we
are all quite well we have not seen a ship yet - we seem
nearer this calm to ourselves Oct 25th It's been a warm rainy
one day we all begin to feel the warm weather very much
the Capt has begun to clean up the ship in hopes some
of getting in port again but we get along slowly we are
we have not seen a ship yet - we all begin to feel
nearer to get in to get our letters with good news I hope
are all quite well Oct 26th It's been another warm calm
and we do not get along on our journey any more
are all quite well nothing in sight yet - Oct 27th
other pleasant but calm day no prospects of any more
age we raised one ship only this morn we doubt know
it is they are in a calm Oct 28th It's our Sabbath and
we no breeze we can see the one ship of sight which
was good to see one sail in sight we are all in such
great hurry to get to the Islands and now it's 3 days and
have been the distance of 300 miles one day in half
the a good breeze he could go more than that distance
are all quite well Oct 29th Another / the sun but calm
again the ship is little over us and we do not get
any but 20 miles a day it's seem slow we are all quite
well Oct 30th It's a very pleasant day again but no wind
ship drifted closer to us and the Capt - Henry Stead

came on board of us and took the Ship New England.
Dear good to see him and so we are drifting to gether
we are all quite well Oct 31st It's been another pleasant
day we have been having a thorough clean on deck
which looks quite nice to night we are in hope
getting in soon the other Ship is within call we
are anxious to get a breeze we have about 500 miles
to go we are all quite well Nov 1st It's been a pleasant day
but little wind untill to night it's little more prospects of a
breeze which I hope we will have soon the New England
not far off we are all quite well Nov 2^d we have had
a good breeze all day if it continues we shall soon be in
also have sight of the Ship that has been in company so long
have 300 miles more all are very anxious to get to the
all quite well, Nov 3^d The breeze has lasted us well to day
we have 170 miles more to go and the Capt thinks we
be there to morrow night so we live in hopes we have
sight of the Ship and hope to see the Land we are all
well Nov 4th It's our Sabbath we have had a very strong
breeze all last night and to day so we raised the
at 1/2 3 o'clock this afternoon we are getting nearer so
are getting the chains up to attach to the anchor it
be a good sound if we come in New Bedford Harbor
should lay off and on to night as the pilot will take

in the morning I am feeling so not knowing what news has
seen you almost one year it is a long time here the
and at home at this season of the year we are all
quite good health which I feel is a blessing to us
land with, Nov 5 this morning the propeller came and
us in the the Harbor of Honolulu and we are
anchor over near the Capt. bent on shore and
only 2 letters for home they had quite good news
which I am much pleased to hear Nov 6 the
night we arrived on shore at our bonding place Mr.
ms. forced quite a number here which seems quite
ent. — Nov 27th 1800 To day we have come on board of
Ship Rome got our anchor and are clear of the Land
and to New Zealand and from then home so if we live
one year time we will end this poor voyage. the rest
this month up to the Dec 21th we have had good weather
a good breeze rather warm and have not seen a Ship
a spout of a whale of any kind. our luck again to
not see the land and to morrow if nothing happening we
will make the Hookahua Head again we are all quite well
being in warm weather Dec 22^d we have had a rainy
calm day now lying under the Land which we shall
be able to go on shore to night we want some fowls
which the Labrets on shore and our Patent dry so we can
get eggs to night we are in hopes to get a few whole

Dec 23^d We can see the land very plain and are close
to it but cannot land so the Capt has sent away for the
flour of Koroatonga when we are in hopes of getting
there then to get some wood we are all quite well but
is very bad weather Dec 24th Such bad weather and a
swell on we cannot make any land yet to morrow
is Christmas I was in hopes we could get to the shore so
could get something for this day we are all quite well
Dec 25th It's Christmas day we got a breeze last night so
brought us to the shore of Koroatonga so our kumaka boat
has been on and brought a few pine apples we are giving
the land side of the land as there is such a swell on
we cannot lay well at all so now it is raining and does not
seem very pleasant to go on shore I am in hopes they will come
and fetch us Christmas yet we have not seen any whales or
Ship yet we seem to be all alone the Capt went on shore
and came back for me to go it's so rainy we shall not go a
little morning Dec 26 I spent on shore and also Dec 27
got our accounts and got on board before night we
away for the land we had a very pleasant time Dec
28 we had a very pleasant day with a fine breeze but
have not seen any whales yet we are very anxious to
are all quite well for it's so much cooler it's
like being Dec 29th Another pleasant day and a nice

age and we do not see any whales yet on any Ship we
just making a passage to Marguise Head when we can
hope any time to raise whales we are all quite well
on Sabbath night we have a great plenty of fruit well
one seems to be enjoying in eating & do with all comfort
and some in home for New Years but can not see 30th
I am having a splendid weather and a fine breeze but
not see any whales yet we desire to soon see our Sabbath
we are all quite well we all wish we could be at home
New Years if we are spared another we may be then Dec 31
is night we close the year of 1840 which seems
my short year to me we feel thankful we are spared
long and if we live we may spend another New Year
tho our friends at home, to day we have had a strong
breeze to night they called for aloft a school of Black
whales we did not see them again and we have not
a whale yet on a Ship we hope for New Years we
get a whale we are all quite well so ends this
New Years Day Jan 1st we have had a breezy day and
we not raised a thing to day but we have had a very
fine breeze all day for our dinner we had roast Turkey
chickens which was very nice but would have been
better if we all could have eating it at our homes we
are all quite well the commencement of this year for
we are thankful for Jan 2^d another pleasant
day with a strong breeze and have not raised a

in sight to day we are feeling anxious to see some whales
as we have not seen a sport yet we are all quite well
Jan 3rd we had another pleasant day with strong breeze
nothing in sight yet saw a whale to be seen we are
all quite well Jan 4th another day passed without to be
seen with a good breeze all quite well Jan 5th we
slept almost motionless we raised Landing Beach quite
early and we are trying to get to it with no wind some
all quite well Jan 6th This morning we raised the first
sail and we are quite close in to the Land a calm
so we shall not be able to get there to day the mate of
Buck Gipsy came on board of us and stayed a while
and went back and Capt. Hunter came and took
tea with us he saw whales last evening so we hope
to soon we are all quite well it is our first Sabbath
of these few days had a pig sent him, Jan 7th It has been a
rainy day with not much wind our boat has been ashore
and got a nice lot of vegetables green Corn Beans
cabbages onions and other things quite nice
now we want to see some whales we thought we
saw some this morning they proved to be Grampseas we
are all quite well we have lost sight of the Boat
they have been here some time and have not seen
I think here as yet so we shall have quite a long stay

- 5th It has been a very strong breeze with a heavy swell
 and we have not yet but a short way for the
 and yet as it is head wind we have not seen a
 whale yet but in hopes to soon we are all quite
 all Jan 9th It has been a pleasant day but a very heavy
 all and strong breeze the Land is in sight but
 whales yet we are all quite well Jan 10th It has been
 a pleasant day and a wind but see nothing in
 day we made Port Land early this forenoon and
 secured the Bark Gipsy and we are all quite
 all Jan 11th another pleasant day but no whales on eye
 seen we expect the Gipsy the Capt. come on board
 I took ten with us they have not see any whales
 so far as to day we are quite well Jan 12th another
 pleasant day with the Land in sight and this morning
 and another Bark which is the L'Esperance Capt. Smith
 has not seen a whale for 3 or 4 days the Capt. and
 1st Mate are on board of it ~~staying~~ so it looks
 but from chance we have a while longer to stay which
 - hope to get some sperm oil yet - there is quite a
 number of ships around here we have not seen only
 in two we are all quite well for Saturday night one
 sick man on board of Bark Gipsy poor fellow we don't
 think he can live long Jan 13th It is a very pleasant day and we
 see the all very quite the Land & two Barks in sight

but no whales yet since four o'clock the boodell and
I and with a bants crew went up to the Land to get
some fish the boodell landed with the other boys and
killed two Gouts and then went got a fine mess of fish
and got back before night so passed the day with the
and two Barks in sight we are all quite well
15th Its been a very pleasant day and this forenoon we saw
a school of small sperm whales and all 4 barks went
on the and also the Bark had her bants down but
with no success Capt Mearns came on board and
the evening with us he had been all day himself after
one large sperm whale so we are in hopes soon we
can get some we are close in to the Land with this
one Bark in company with us we are all quite well
but the poor Lick fellow on board of the Bark is getting
worse the Capt thinks he cannot live Jan 15th Its been a
rather pleasant day the Land or Bark is in sight and
no whales to be seen missed some of our provisions
to be prepared so this is the way with our luck in whaling
we yet hope soon to get one or some yet we are
all quite well Jan 16th we have had a pleasant but cold
day we have been close in to Curtis Rock so to night the
Capt with a bants crew went in to the Rock and caught a
few fish we have not seen a whale to day the Bark and

got a Brig on in sight the Bark spoke her we do
know who it is and so has passed this day we are well
to well Jan 17th its been another pleasant day but no
whales yet to night we are entirely out of sight of Land
the Ship feeling very anxious to see some sperm whales we
all quite well Jan 18th we have had another pleasant
day with a good breeze and we have been a good distance
to see any thing to day excepting we passed a Ship very early
in morning we are now going on to North Cape in hopes to
get a cut of Sperm oil yet we are all quite well taking
sail to lay still for to night so we shall not run over the
whales. Jan 19th its another later day night we have had a
very breeze and a pleasant day we have been a long distance
to see nothing to day how strange, we are now with in one
S. mile of New Zealand we feel very anxious to get some
then we are all quite well but would like much to
at home to night we would have a nice gun Jan 20th
we have had another very pleasant day and have not
seen nothing in shape of whale the Land is sight all
its own Lubbock and all quite well, Jan 21st we
are to day at anchor in Morquinga we was so close in
the Land and was in want of potatoes very much the
it thought best to get them now it looks very pleasant to
the Land I have not been on shore yet we are all
quite well there is three Ships in and we are the fourth

Jan 22^d I have not been on shore yet for Mrs Butler
and spent the day we have had a nice gun it
very pleasant on shore all the boys are seem to be enjoy
it much Alex has had a nice time. and all are
quite well excepting I do not feel any well. Jan 23^d
Darling little boy was born, we took also 912 lbs of sperm
for ship navy in freight to Mrs Bedford so we are get
ready to start on a cruise home we have been in port
one week and took our anchor and have cruised
and have not raised a whale yet. to day is the 24th
of Feb and I have just got back to write in this journal
again which I am very thankful I am able to do so to on
Sabbath And we are on our way around Cape Horn*
have had pretty bad weather one strong gale but fine
which has helped us on we are more than half way to
New Zealand in 14 days we shall be past the Cape if no
happings to us and in 5 or 6 more days we will see our native
Shores again with all our hand back of getting oil. if we do
see it we can not get it it been so long and we have not seen
a whale yet we are now all in quite good healths when
we feel very thankful for so we will try and get along with
the rest although it hard to me we have not seen a ship
since we left port and I desire we will not have any
hard labours and be carried safe around the Horn we are

Just now winter a fine wind March 8th to our table
one week has passed and I have not written daily
have had a fine wind and got along on our
voyage until Friday night a gale commenced which
has been the severest since I have been in the ship we
are all secured and to night it is getting better we have
not seen any thing yet but a fine prospect we will
the tomorrow all quite well Friday Mar 8th I com-
menced writing for this week as yesterday we raised the
ist sail two merchant-ships we had a fair wind
and they was along with us also to day we are having a
good breeze we have one more day and
we can pass Cape Horn if nothing happens as the ship rolls
very to day but it does not look like bad weather although the
changes are quick we are all quite well we have
not seen a whale yet Mar 9th we have had a good day and
good breeze the Capt got the Line at two o'clock we was pass-
ing Horn we raised two more ships to day we passed our
cove amongst so we passed Longitudes a Merchant Ship told
us we want 8 or 4 more good days and if nothing
happens we will be out of bad weather country we are
quite well Mar 10th to a very cold stormy day but we
are not alone here we have had six ships in sight 4
have went on board and the other three going around

Cape Horn good luck to them for it looks more like bad
weather a gale we are all quite well its on Sabbath
May 17th another week has passed and we are quite well
latter fine when we was a week ago we have had strong
breezes with heavy gales of winds and we are yet suffering
which I am very thankful we are all quite well and
one fast changing in climate and will soon be in
our weather. March 18th we have had a strong breeze
which has brought in in warm weather and had very
changeable in the latitude of River La Platte we
have had a tempest to night we all feel the change
quite well we have not seen a ship this week we left
this behind March 19th we have had a pleasant day and
been on deck this afternoon we have not seen any
yet we want to say much we are all quite well
March 20th another pleasant with squalls as usual and
almost a calm we want to get along a little faster
and we are in hopes to see whales we are all
quite well March 21st its commenced about noon a gale
of wind and such a one I have not experienced during
voyage it lasted six hours and the good old ship rolled
out - I never saw her roll so bad if we was all spewed a little
longer which we need to be thankful for one thing more
us we had a fine wind its better weather and we are all
well. March 22^d its been the warmest and pleasant day
have yet had since we passed Cape Horn but there
is a very heavy swell on yet and the ship rolls now
I have not seen a ship this week we are all quite well

up 23^d It has been a cloudy day with not much wind and
- have not seen any fish yet - we are all very hungry
The Saturday night - and we are trying to get along to
and now we have not - ships yet we are all quite well
up 24th It was our Sabbath and we are prepared to pass
through a very severe storm which I with the
it expected it would have took our boats out
- it did not it was equally all the morning and thick
not till ten o'clock it began all at once and lasted on
and I desire never to see such a gale again after we
- from it we spoke a bark they did not appear to have
it at all we are thankful we are spared with all
quite well March 25 - Pleasant weather and good
reeze all quite well nothing in sight March 26th
Pleasant weather getting very warm with good breeze
nothing in sight no whales yet all quite well March
27th Pleasant and a fine breeze so we have been all
quite well March 28 very pleasant but very
warm with a good breeze all quite well March 29th
- a very pleasant even day there has been 3 ships in
sight one English ship came for us spoke us to know
in Long track no whales yet to be seen all quite
well continuing such change coming in from water so
at March 30th It has been a calm and very warm to day nothing
seen we are all quite well March 31th Another 115

when dry with a calm all quite well we are all well
anxious to get a breeze so we are getting along April 1st
This our Sabbath there has been 7 Ships in sight we
have got a little breeze which we are thankful for we
are all quite well April 2^d we have had a fine
day and we are getting along some we have not seen
anything to day we are all quite well April 3^d It has been
a very warm pleasant day this forenoon a French Ship
came in sight she ran for us we hauled back the Cap
went on board he wanted to send letters to the States.
we are all quite well April 4th It has been squally and
very warm we are all quite well April 5th It has been a
pleasant day 2 Ships in sight not seen a whale yet
a sight of one we are all quite well April 6th Little
breeze and very warm nothing to be seen to day we are
quite well April 7th It has been squally all day the tide
has set in in shore so the Land is in plain sight
no Ships or whales to be seen all quite well excepting
3d officers April 8th It has been a breeze
all day in showers and we are close in by the Land we
but little wind and not fair at that there has been
2 Ships in sight we are all anxious to have a breeze
and get across the Line we are all quite well to day
we would like some of the fine fruits for the ship in
such a tickly place to go we shall not get any April 9th
Another calm day and we have passed a English ship
we eat an anchovy thinking it to be a Zan Rose but we are
all quite well

10th Another calm day nothing to be seen we are
quite well April 11th we have had quite a good
eye and are fast getting past the line we are all quite
at this warm weather April 12th we have at last
passed the line but have got - at last a calm again
- by wind but we are anxious to get a good breeze
we can get along its so warm I am not feeling very well
but 13th Another calm day a few black fish for a
minute in sight going to the windward April 14th
- other calm day in the morning coming April 15th
little breeze to day we passed another England
Ship changed collars not whales to be seen
at we are all desirous to get the trade winds
we can get along some April 16th for once
more we have had a nice breeze we think
the trade winds are giving since by nothing in sight
but 17th we have gone the distance of 212 miles
in last 24 hours which helps us on our way fast
- all like it much and hope to go the same for
- many days which will carry us to our own shores
but 18th we have had a nice breeze again so
- are fast passing of the miles we are all quite
- and its getting rather cooler April 19th we have had
a breeze even nothing all quite well April 20th

A good breeze nothing in sight all quite well
April 21st our Sabbath a pretty good breeze and
we are fast making our way home we have nothing
in sight to day all quite well April 22^d we are
losing the track with we passed a Ship chug
colled its way from Germany we are all quite well
and its getting nice cool weather April 23^d there
been 3 Ships in sight one come close to us and hauled
her back it was a Yankee the Capt went on board
of her and got the news 2 months for home we
are all quite well April 24th two more Ships in
sight to day but not very near us and the wind
is hardly in front one are all quite well April
25th It almost is calm with rain squalls we have
commenced painting the Ship we are in hopes to
have a breeze soon all quite well

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